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Dear Member

You are aware of the Mission Statement of the Church in the Province of the West Indies which reads as follows:

“The Church in the Province of the West Indies is committed to the Proclamation of The Gospel in word and deed, following the Great Commission (Matt.8:18-20), and being the sign and sacrament of the Trinity.”

This statement therefore seeks to bring persons to faith in Our Triune God, to nurture and form them in their baptismal covenant and in their discipleship, within bonded relationships that express Christian and moral communities, and with a lively sense of the connection between worship and mission with our cultural heritage, symbols and styles. It also seeks to foster genuine partnership with fellow Christians in the Anglican Communion and with those in our ecumenical relation.

With the Gospel imperative and the Kingdom values of justice, peace and love, we are committed to sharing our resources to the social transformation of our societies and to the persuasion of our environment so that our people may attain wholeness and fulfilment, that poverty, alienation, substance abuse, and violence may not fester, and that our region may reflect the beauty and integrity of creation.

Consequently, the Province must assist its dioceses and parishes in their approach in order to achieve a more interconnected future that will require a cross-cultural understanding.

The Right Reverend L. Errol Brooks, B.A. Th.M.
Senior Bishop

The Province has prepared material that should help our representatives to initiate critical thinking about the issues we face. We are interested in learning from each other as we work to achieve consensus across diverse points of view.

You are therefore invited to study the five themes below and the material attached as you prepare for the upcoming session of the Fortieth Triennial Meeting of Provincial Synod from May 25-30 in the Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago.

The theme for the Provincial Synod 2019 is:

***“Being and Making Disciples in our Caribbean Context”
#Called. Empowered. Sent!***

Sub-themes to be discussed in the five Clusters are:

Equipping our Youth for Discipleship

- How does the Church help youth encounter Christ
- How does the Church journey with youth as they grow as disciples and as they disciple others
- How does the Church help youth form their identity in Christ
- What role does our Church schools play in fostering discipleship
- How does the Church disciple in a digital age

Discipleship within the Family

- How does the Church equip and support families in discipleship
- How does your congregation lead in being and making disciples as the family of God - the body of Christ
- How does the Church disciple in a digital age

Discipleship within the Multicultural Society

- How does the Church equip members to practise discipleship that leads to justice, peace, and reconciliation
- How does the Church form disciples, who then make disciples that embody Christ in a multi-cultural context
- How does the Church disciple in a digital age

Discipleship in an era of moral indifference

- How does the Church equip disciples to connect to Christ and to walk in Christ and to transform society
- How does the Church help disciples to develop a Christ shaped ethical framework which informs their moral compass
- How does the Church form disciples to live in the world but not be of the world
- The diminishing value placed on life. How does the Church teach disciples to value life and our full humanity in the context of societies riddled with crime and violence
- How does the Church disciple in a digital age.

Church's Role in developing Models for Christian Discipleship

- How does the Church form Christ shaped leaders for mission and societal transformation
- How can the Church develop effective tools for discipleship and disciple making
- How does the Church disciple in a digital age

There are three documents attached that will be presented to Synod and that prior consideration would assist you in this exercise. They are:

- (a) Introduction to Discipleship and Disciple-Making
- (b) Report of the Family Life Commission 2015-2018
- (c) Strategic Plan of the Provincial Youth Commission

We anticipate an active learning process as you come together with your varying levels of experience.

Yours in Christ



Provincial Secretary

c. The Senior Bishop