

## GUIDELINES FOR GROWTH IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AS ANGLICAN LAY LEADERS

<b>Commitment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I should understand that Christian commitment may be costly in terms of my integrity, relationships and witness.</li> <li>• I should be aware that Christian commitment may involve going against what others perceive to be the truth.</li> <li>• I should know that commitment to Christ is sacrificial, life-long and lived out in daily life.</li> </ul>
<b>Discipleship and mission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I should develop good stewardship in the practice of my interests, time, talents and other resources.</li> <li>• I should develop an ongoing commitment to the mission of God.</li> <li>• I should give generously of myself as befits serving the Servant Lord.</li> </ul>
<b>Knowing the Bible and what we believe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I should continuously deepen my knowledge and understanding of the Bible.</li> <li>• I should aim to understand the nature of the biblical writings, their history and context.</li> <li>• I should reflect on Scripture within the fellowship of the church.</li> <li>• I should be able to apply biblical stories to my own life, and to be able to help others in this process.</li> <li>• I should explore the consequences of personal faith (Apostles' Creed) and of the faith of the church (Nicene Creed), and examine the connections between this faith and ethical questions.</li> </ul>
<b>Spiritual growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I should develop a rule of life which includes a sustainable pattern of praying and listening to God daily; and praying through reading the Bible.</li> <li>• I should seek to grow into the likeness of Christ.</li> </ul>
<b>Worship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I should have a pattern of regular worship, self-examination and participation in the sacraments of the church.</li> </ul>
<b>Awareness of context</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I should use my own experience to help understand my particular time, place and story, so that I may see more clearly, in my own context, the connections between and challenges to Christian faith and life.</li> </ul>
<b>The Anglican Way</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I should discover more about the part I can play in the wider Anglican family.</li> <li>• I should pray for our parish and to take an interest in our parish, deanery, diocese and province, and understand something of our respective Anglican jurisdictions.</li> <li>• I should deepen my awareness of the experience of the liturgical year and the material of worship (eg. prayer book).</li> </ul>