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'Where there is no vision, the people perish' ¹
'Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed' ²
*'We are his house built on the foundation of the apostles and
the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself' ³*

Part One: Introduction

Our purpose:

Why the Diocese of Nelson exists

The Diocese of Nelson exists to bring glory to God through vibrant, Christ-centred, Anglican communities of faith.

What we do

We build local communities of faith that radiate Christ through worship; fellowship; service and witness in such a way that lives are transformed. We minister with one another, in partnership as a diocese and regionally through deaneries.

¹ Proverbs 29:18

² Proverbs 16:3

³ Ephesians 2:19-22

Our Vision:

1. To become mature people of prayer, realising our need of and dependence upon God, to seek him, wait upon him, and to be open to the guidance and anointing of the Holy Spirit as we seek to do his will.
2. To glorify God through worship that is corporate *and* personal; culturally relevant *and* transcendent; self denying *and* life-giving; yet always biblical.
3. To preach and teach in such a way that lives are transformed and people grow in discipleship.
4. To be a missional church, reaching out beyond ourselves (both at home and overseas) with acts of loving service and proclamation that radiate our commitment to Jesus.
5. To be an 'authentic' community and be a church of grace that embraces and values people of all ages and circumstances in the redeeming love of Christ.

Part Two: Strategic Priorities:

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1. To actively model and encourage the power of prayer.

- ***Strategic Intent***

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- ***Strategic Outcome***

A register of Diocesan intercessors: Regular prayer meetings occurring in every parish: Opportunities for prayer evident during worship services: Annual Diocesan/Regional prayer events/days.

2. To encourage and evaluate the worship and discipleship of the Diocese.

- ***Strategic Intent***

To create a culture within our churches that encourages and models a selfless and obedient lifestyle amongst those who follow Christ.

- ***Strategic Outcome***

A greater commitment to and involvement in the ministry and mission of the church and increasing evidence of Christ like character.

3. Developing Leaders who can outwork the Diocesan vision.

- ***Strategic Intent:***

To develop confident, creative and spiritually healthy leaders across the diocese with a clear understanding of the gospel, discipleship and ministry as participating in the mission of God, reflecting a diversity of leadership styles and modes as appropriate to a range of ministry contexts, challenges and needs.

- ***Strategic Outcome:***

The identification, nurture and formation of a new generation of leaders (both lay and ordained) for fresh and reinvigorating ministry initiatives. To see existing leaders actively embracing opportunities to grow professionally for ministry with a clear sense of mission and outreach.

4. To actively engage and involve children, youth and families in the full life of the church

- ***Strategic Intent:***

Ensure that every parish is aware of the unique spirituality of children, youth and young adults, and looks for appropriate and strategic ways of responding.

- ***Strategic Outcome:***

To have key ministries to children, youth and young adults in each of our four regions that serve as a resource to the rest of the parishes in that region; ministry *to* and ministry *of* the children, youth and young adults.

5. To liberate the ministry gifts of older people.

- ***Strategic Intent:***

To respect and value each older member of the church. Caring for those who can't care for themselves and encouraging every single member to discover where God is calling them to ministry involvement.

- ***Strategic Outcome:***

To observe increasing numbers of older members discovering an outlet for their faith, wisdom and energy

6. To be catalysts in moving from maintenance to mission.

- ***Strategic Intent:***

To ensure that every ministry unit is thinking and responding missionally.

- ***Strategic Outcome:***

To have new parish based and collaborative projects established in each deanery and to have a Diocesan budget that reflects the call of a missional church.

7. To seek ways of more effectively serving Christ within our local community.

- ***Strategic Intent:***

To become aware of the needs of our local community

- ***Strategic Outcome:***

To become known in the local community as a Church that cares