

Five Marks of Mission in Creation

<i>Marks of Mission</i>	
1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom	<p><i>Gospel of Creation (see Laudato Si). Earth is the place to experience the love of God</i></p> <p><i>Release of all life from bondage and captivity (Isaiah vision, Lord's Prayer)</i></p> <p><i>Healing of brokenness (including the Earth – tikkun olam)</i></p>
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers	<p><i>Belief in God as Creator, Jesus as second Adam and Spirit as Sustainer of life</i></p> <p><i>Sharing and caring - core behaviours resulting from belief (Covenantal relationships)</i></p> <p><i>Nurture from and for sacredness of whole Creation</i></p>
3. To respond to human need by loving service	<p><i>Love and service expressed through sustainable lifestyle and community living</i></p> <p><i>Justice and care for environmentally vulnerable people and places</i></p> <p><i>Many lives are environmentally at risk –</i></p> <p><i>Development of sustainable communities and churches to preserve and replenish life of whole world</i></p>
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation	<p><i>Challenging links between loss of land/home/habitat and conflict – displaced peoples, destroyed species, desecrated space</i></p> <p><i>Pervasive economic injustice in trade and industry with damaging environmental consequences (travel miles, resource depletion, pollution)</i></p> <p><i>Affirming human interdependence in world's ecosystems and to reduce violent impacts on other species by making peace with the planet</i></p>
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth	<p><i>Recognising our wholeness and connectedness to God's Earth (culture of solidarity)</i></p> <p><i>Acknowledging the damage of excessive burning of fossil fuels and move urgently and deeply to renewable technologies and a low carbon future)</i></p>