



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

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Eleven Actions: Implementing the SPMC Proposals approved by Synod 2022

Dear friends in Christ,

I write to update you on the implementation of the Shape of Parish Ministry Proposals which were overwhelmingly approved by our Synod in October 2022.

The approval of these proposals declared our commitment to address the urgent questions facing us and to creatively benefit from our collective resources to give new shape to our parish ministries so they can thrive.

At the first Diocesan Council meeting after Synod in November, the motions pertaining to the SPMC Proposals were grouped into three categories (related to the approved timelines) and each motion was assigned a Lead. Between November and January, teams were formed, and monthly meetings of the Leads, chaired by me, began in February.

As you will see in the attached document, the SPMC Proposals have led to *Eleven Actions* which are the top strategic priorities of our diocese at this time.

Please read the *Eleven Actions* document carefully and note the implementation timetable. You can rest assured that regular updates will be provided as the timetable unfolds.

God has called us to step away from being changed to guiding change, so we can share the Gospel of love from a place of strength and hope. With support from Ascension House staff and our key lay and clergy leaders, I will ensure the *Eleven Actions* are a key focus over the next 18 months.

The pandemic has heightened our capacity to be cohesive, creative, and profoundly faithful, and there is no doubt in my mind that our diocese can successfully complete these *Eleven Actions*.

May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire and enliven us as we step together into God's future.

The Right Reverend Shane A. D. Parker
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