

Fifth Sunday of Easter: *Living the Mission*

"Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the Ethiopian eunuch reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him." (Acts 8:30-31)

Living the Mission is a partnership between parishes, the diocese and the national church to fund mission initiatives. Money raised is shared between participating parishes (45.8%), diocesan mission initiatives (45.8%) and national/global mission projects (8.4%). The goal is to *Enable, Equip and Engage* the people of the church for mission in rapidly changing world. Even during the Covid pandemic *Living the Mission* impacted people in a positive way. Here's an example.

Enabling the Saints: Qu'Appelle School for Mission and Ministry

While things did not proceed as planned in 2020 due to the pandemic, thanks to technology, mainly Zoom, and instructors who were competent, creative and flexible, the School had a full year. Participants seemed to enjoy learning from the comfort of their homes and we even gained a few new students for some of the shorter courses. Courses in 2020 covered Old Testament Prophets, the Book of Colossians, Liturgy as Formation and Theology, Anglican Identity and Pastoral Care. In 2021, the Qu'Appelle School will hold its courses on Zoom with classes on liturgical resources, mental health issues, faith formation through liturgy and frequently asked questions about the Christian faith. To learn more, contact Archdeacon Catherine Harper at archdeacon.catherine@sasktel.net.



To donate to *Living the Mission* contact Cindy at 306-522-1608 to arrange for monthly donations, mail a cheque to the diocesan office or go to <https://quappelle.anglican.ca/donate> to donate online.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you never cease to water the seeds of our giving with your generous grace.

We thank you for everyone who gave their resources to *Living the Mission*.

We are grateful for the lives that have been changed because of the ministries it supports.

From those learning through the Qu'Appelle School of Mission and Ministry to youth growing and confirming their faith through the work of the Youth Missioner, lives have been changed.

The resources shared with the Diocese of Muyinga helped build a health clinic and money given to national indigenous ministries have strengthened those communities.

Locally, nationally and globally your work is being done and for that we are thankful.

Continue to transform us through the power of your Spirit.

Enable us to live a way of life marked by faithful prayer;
loving action and generous giving;
to equip congregations for mission and ministry;
and to engage in outreach, service
and the committed sharing of our faith.

May we continue to work together and advance the mission of every parish in our diocese,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.