



Five Initiatives for Mission, Vitality, and Baptismal Ministry

1. Christians who follow Christ within the Diocese of Southern Virginia engage in a **RULE OF LIFE** that includes a commitment to Prayer, Study of Scripture, Acts of Charity, Community, and Worship.
 2. Every faith community has a unique charism to offer. The Diocese commits to empowering and supporting all communities, large and small, to maintain and model healthy parish life. We will devote energy and resources to healthy congregational development, conflict resolution, and healthy relationships. The goal of this initiative is to establish healthy, supportive **CONNECTION** throughout the Diocese.
 3. The Diocese will commit to engaging the journey to **BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY**, improving our understanding of what it means to live “racially just lives,” and endeavoring to be agents of truth telling, healing, justice and racial reconciliation.
 4. The Diocese will commit to developing and maintaining a model of **CREATION CARE** that articulates and implements an action plan advancing our stewardship, not only of Diocesan resources, but of the earth and all its resources.
 5. The Diocese will commit to develop and promote a model of **EVANGELISM** that enables us to proclaim by word and example the Good News of Jesus Christ, empowering us to tell our faith stories with the kind of ease and conviction that will attract people to our way.
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