

QUESTIONS ABOUT PERSONAL GIFTS

Using the pieces of the Baptismal Covenant that touch more specifically on personal gifts:

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

Which of these vow(s) impacts your life most?

What skills/gifts/attitudes do you have that will let you live out the vow(s) that impact your life?

What skills/gifts/attitudes might you need to live out the vow(s) that impact your life most?

What is your deepest hope for the world? What is it in you that makes you choose this particular hope?

Where does the vow(s) that most impacts your life, intersect with your deepest hope for the world?

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What is your message to the world and what personal resources do you possess to deliver it?

What will the world benefit most from hearing from you and what personal gifts do you have that makes your message of benefit?

Who is your world, and how do you decide the answer to that question?

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Where and how do you spend your time, beyond the church, where you live and work and take your leisure?

What do you love to do beyond the church?

Where do you find satisfaction beyond the church?

Where do you see God present in the answers to the above 3 questions?

What is your deepest hope for your personal ministry?

What is its origin?

What is it in you that makes you choose this hope?

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What is your deepest hope for the church?

What is its origin?

What is it in you that makes you choose this hope?

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Think of a time in your life when someone ministered to you. What gifts/skills/attitudes did that person possess that enabled them to “come along side of you”?

Think of a time in your life when you ministered to someone else. What gifts/skills/attitudes do you possess that enabled you to “come along side of that other person”?

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A DEFINITION OF MINISTRY:

Christian ministry is participation in the ongoing ministry of Christ himself, who invites us into all that he is doing today by the power of the Spirit. Christian ministry represents Christ and his church, bears witness to Christ wherever they may be, and, according to the gifts given them, carry on Christ’s ministry of reconciliation in the world. We do “the Lord’s work” when we do whatever we do for the glory of God and the good of others.