

Qualities of a Healthy Mission-Minded Church

Prayer

Prayer is central to the life of the church. Prayer is incorporated into each ministry and program of the church. A church's prayer life includes prayers for outreach, mission, and evangelism, prayers for the needy and hurting of the world, and prayers focused on the church's own needs and the needs of its members.

Philosophy

Leaders of the church view local and global mission as the primary task of the church. Mission is integrated into every ministry/program area. For example, mission -- serving and reaching the world -- is an important aspect of children's and youth ministries, adult education ministries, and even the property and grounds committees. The preaching and teaching of the church consistently affirms the centrality of mission to the health and vibrancy of the church.

Purpose

The church has clear mission goals that let everyone know what it's aiming for and when it has succeeded.

Priest/Leadership

The priest and parish leaders have a passion for mission. They invest fully in serving and reaching beyond the walls of the local church.

Participation

The church provides a multitude of ways for individuals and families to be engaged in mission and hands-on service. The church's mission program is not only built around giving money. Healthy churches find ways for people to use all of their gifts in serving and reaching out.

Purse strings

The church encourages its people to personally support the mission opportunities it feels deeply about. It believes that if they generously support mission, an "attitude of gratitude" will translate into strong support of the local church's needs as well. The church's budget reflects the church's commitment to mission. It has "put its money where its mouth is" as a Christian community.

Parish Mission Outreach Evaluation

QUALITY	YOUR RATING	GROUP AVERAGE
Prayer		
Philosophy		
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