

## OUR MISSION

If we were to compose a mission statement for Portmore United Church, what would want it to say? What is our mission?

Well, let me suggest that the mission of the church is very simple. Our mission is to reach a lost world with the saving message of Jesus and His love, and to teach them so that they will be matured in their faith.

That is our mission. That is why we have been called into existence. But it is so easy to get sidetracked, to start thinking that our mission is something other than what it really is. And instead, spend all our energy building buildings, championing causes, speaking out on social issues, or supporting political candidates. So it is vital for us to focus on what is important. The mission of Portmore united is to reach a lost world with the saving message of Jesus Christ, and then to help them to mature in their Xian life. Or it could be “Moving people to God through growth and renewal.

With that in mind I would invite you to consider with me the reason, the resource, and the responsibility of the mission.

1. First of all – the reason for mission. The book of Acts is the continuing story of the ministry of Jesus Christ as he ministers through HIS CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY - and through those of us who are

members of His church. So the reason for our mission is Jesus.

So why as a church we are here this morning? Why do we worship? Why do we send missionaries? Why do we pray? Why do we give sacrificially? Because we are compelled by the love of JC and we are convinced that he died for us all. So the reason for the mission is Jesus.

### **2. We consider the resource for our mission**

He has promised never to leave us or forsake us He will be with us all along the way. No matter the source or the reason for mission, the missionary must process a heart of compassion for the lost among us.

There are many who are in need of the Gospel of Jesus. Because of circumstances they are UN able to make that commitment.

Jesus taught by example. If there was a need he would address it. Remember the story in Matt. 4: 23-25? READ! Here at P/More, we may not be able to do like Jesus but we operate a medical facility. **Elder Brown** would you be so kind to tell us about it? CLINIC!

We should also recall to our minds this other act of mission by Jesus found in Matt. 14: 13-21..... (Feeding). SOUP KITCHEN – GOOD SAMARITIAN BOX.

Care giving – Young Adults & Good Sam. Purse.

The resource is the Holy Spirit. And I believe with all my heart that God has given everything that this church needs to accomplish the mission that God has placed before us. He has given us spiritual gifts, & talents. He has given us financial resources. He has given us everything we need to do the work that God has called us to do.

## 2. The responsibility of the mission

With the missionary mandate comes a responsibility. Acts 1:7-8 states, “ He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you; & you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, & in all Judea & Samaria, & to the ends of the earth”.

As Christians we are to be God’s witnesses. In other words we are to have relevant testimonies, testimonies that this world desperately needs to hear. Do we have words for a world that seems to be so far away from God? Do we have a testimony for this world?

Here at Portmore, we have recognised that we need to be faithful steward of the missionary mandate.

The Evangelism committee has been the driving force in this particule area. I would like to ask Bro. Dewight to share a bit with us the committee’s role in this missionary calling.

We have come together this morning to reaffirm our as a church our missionary calling – we do have a mission. God has called us, & God will give us the resources to fulfil the mission. And now that we realize we have a responsibility, it is up to us. What are we going to do with the great commission God has given?

This morning if you are here outside of JC, we want you to know that Jesus went to the cross & died for us. He shed his blood for us. And his death, burial & resurrection is the Good News that we have to share with you.

We do not want to keep it to ourselves. We want to share it with you & we want you to know that even in this moment you can be saved from your sin and that you can begin to walk in a new life that you will have in Jesus Christ.

AMEN

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