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# COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

To assist churches to develop a vision for the future  
and determine action steps to pursue the vision to its  
fulfillment

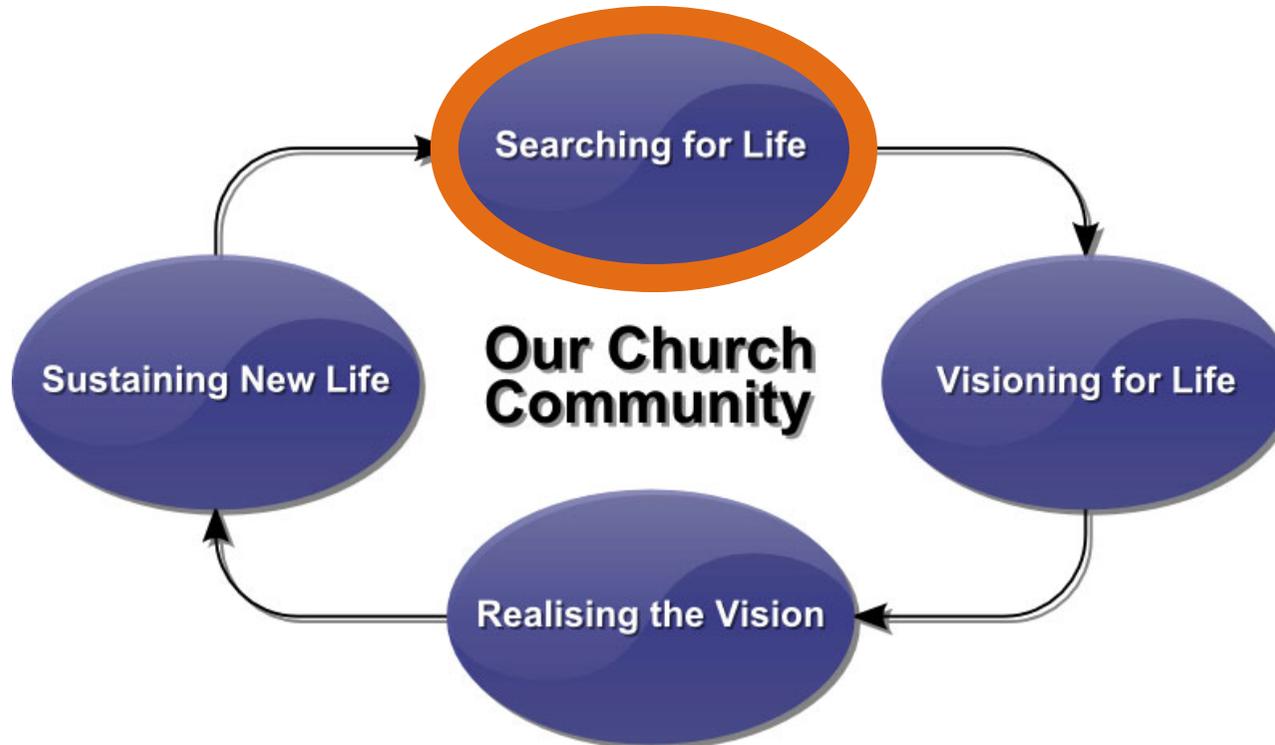
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# COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

## Session 1: Searching for Life



# SESSION 1: SEARCHING FOR LIFE





Jesus Christ and his promise of life, his presence as life, is at the core of every congregation

In the midst of all our communities Jesus is:

- the Bread of life (John 6:35)
- the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)
- the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
- the Living Water (John 4:11)
- the Light of Life (John 8:12)





## LOOK FOR LIFE

***“I came that they might have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10***

Where do we see the Life?

Where do we see the Life in abundance?





## SEARCHING FOR LIFE

- One on one sharing stories of “the best” and what gives life
- Small groups discerning themes, core images, locating positive energy for change





## SEARCHING FOR LIFE

Interview one another:

- “Where have you found life in this church community?”
- “When is our church community at its best?”





# SEARCHING FOR LIFE

## Small Group Discernment:

- “Where are the sources of Life in our church community?”





# SEARCHING FOR LIFE

## Presentation & Discussion:

- Our Church Life Profile shows our survey results





# SEARCHING FOR LIFE

## Plenary Discernment

The five core sources of Life  
for our church community



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Thank you for completing  
Session 1: Searching for Life

Sessions to follow:

2. Visioning for Life
3. Realising the Vision
4. Sustaining New Life

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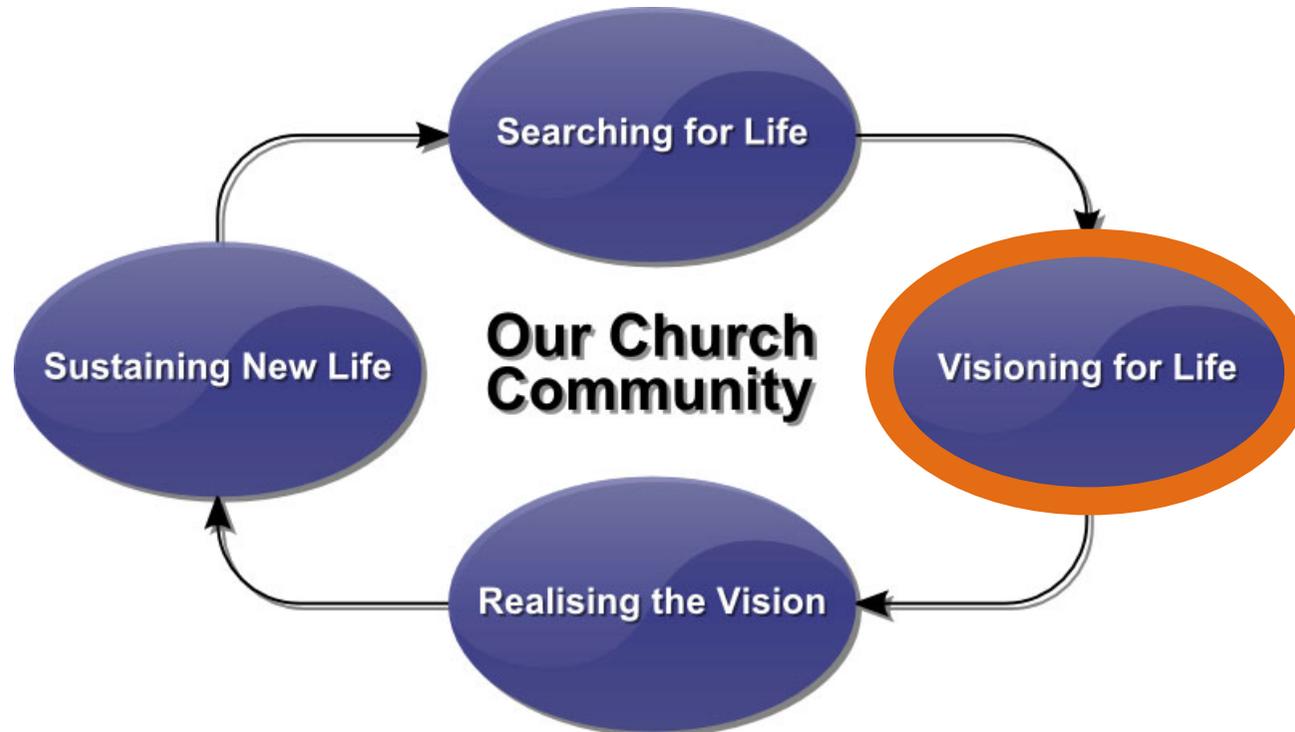
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# COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

## Session 2: Visioning for Life



## SESSION 2: VISIONING FOR LIFE





## LEAD FOR LIFE

***“I came that they might have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10***

Visioning that sees, reverences and fosters the sacredness of life! (people’s gifts, energy, initiative, creativity)

– that builds hope!





## VISIONING FOR LIFE

- Imagine a shared picture of a preferred future
- Collective visioning





# VISIONING

***“Every day the Church gives birth to the Church”***

Venerable Bede





# IMAGINATION

***“Every good idea and all creative work is the offspring of the imagination... it is in the imagination that the most valuable promise of a person may lie”***

Carl Jung





# VISIONING

Visions are:

- **aspirational** –  
beyond present horizons
- **inspirational** –  
emotionally spur us on





## VISION STATEMENTS

***“A man on the moon by the end of the 1960’s”***

NASA

***“A Coke within arm’s reach of every person on the planet”***

Coca Cola Co

***“That each person may find Christ so that Christ may walk with each person the path of life”***

John Paul II



# PARRHESIA

- Speaking freely
- Boldness in the Spirit

***“Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness”***

2 Corinthians 3:12





# VISIONING

- Share the three wishes from interviews
- Imagine church community 2020
  - **What** will be happening
  - **Where** will this be happening
  - **What** will be different from now
- Write a 2020 headline and points for the story

**Christian Herald**  
**24 March 2022**

**St Jude's Second Home**  
**for Young Families**

**Parish has integrated program to embrace and nurture families with young children.**

- Creche and Sunday School at worship
- Wednesday inter-church toddlers' group and coffee club
- Rotating group dinner (early!) in homes with sharing on Christian parenthood



## VISION PREFERENCE

- What is attractive about this vision?
- Will it meet our heartfelt desires?
- Does it reflect parrhesia?
- Is it realistic and achievable?





# VISIONING

A Vision that is:

- **aspirational** – beyond present horizons
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# Have ears that will hear the prophetic voice



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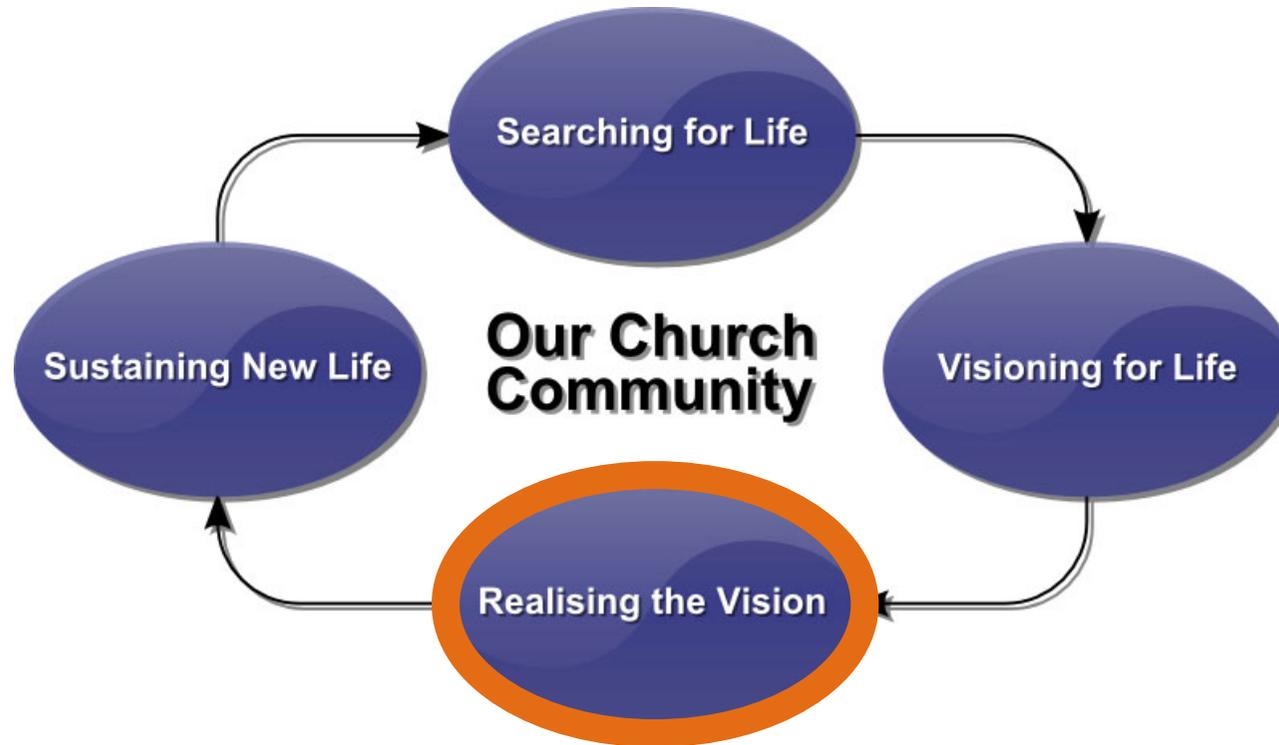
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## Session 3: Realising the Vision



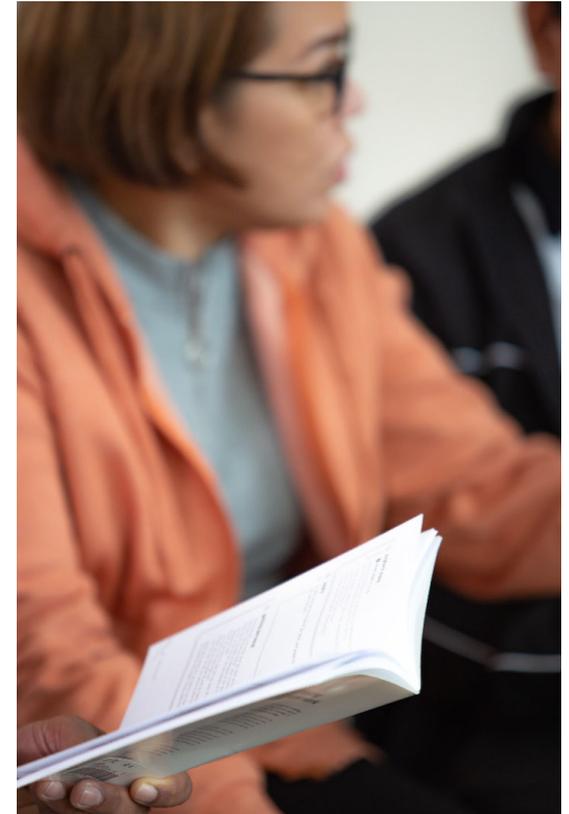
## SESSION 3: REALISING THE VISION





## REALISING THE VISION

- Plan the goals and steps that will make the vision a reality
- Adapt the organisational structure of the local church to support our goals and steps





# KEY PLANNING PRINCIPLES

- Positive principle
- Proximity principle
- Partnership principle





# REALISING THE VISION

**Goals are the steps we take  
to move us from our reality  
towards our Vision**





# GOALS ARE SMART

**Specific**

**Measurable**

**Achievable**

**Relevant**

**Time bound**





## REALISING THE VISION

- Do any of these goals get in the way of other goals?
- Prioritise the goals to fit our resources.
- Develop Strategies for each goal –  
Who is going to do What? When? How?



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Session 3: Realising the Vision**

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4. Sustaining New Life**

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## Session 4: Sustaining New Life



## SUSTAINING NEW LIFE

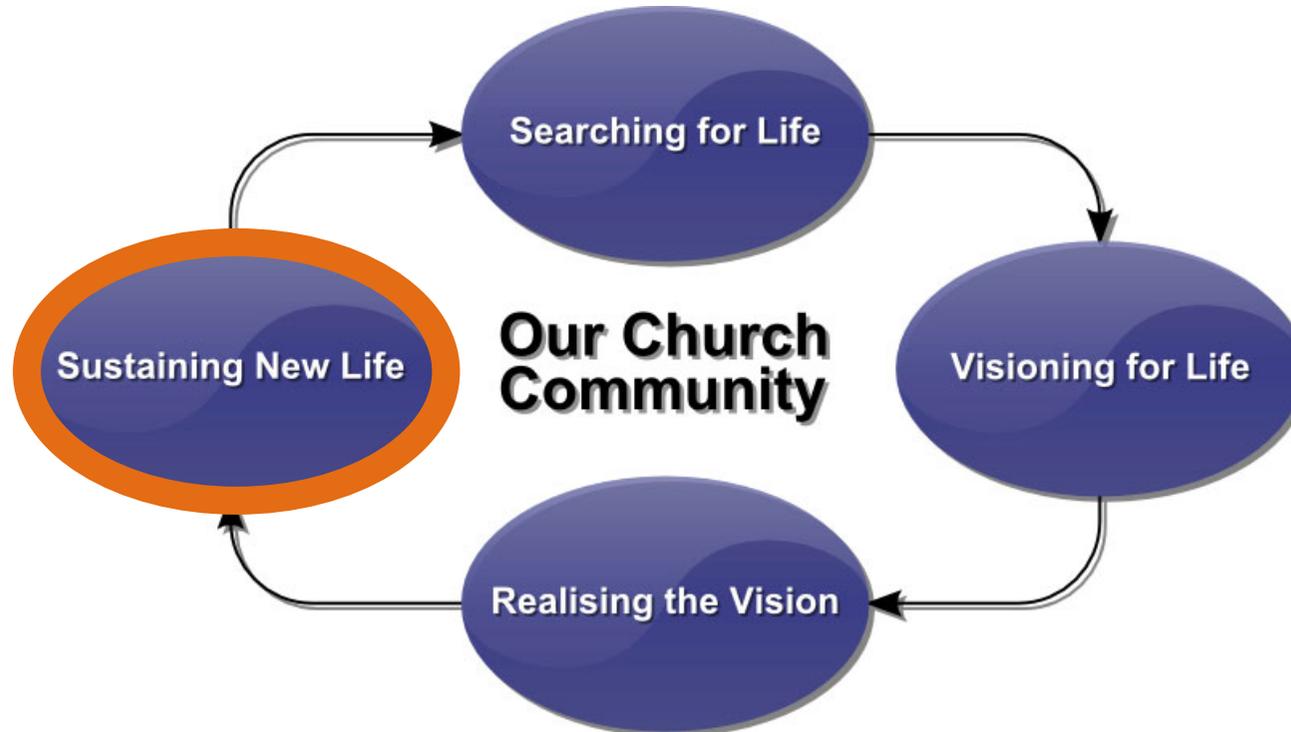
***“I came that they might have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10***

Sustaining new Life –  
sustaining abundant Life





# SESSION 4: SUSTAINING NEW LIFE





# KEY PLANNING PRINCIPLES

- Positive principle
- Proximity principle
- Partnership principle





## SUSTAINING NEW LIFE

- Put in place processes to learn, adjust, innovate as we implement
- Decide how we will know when we have been successful
- Plan a Church Life Survey in the future to update and track progress





## SUSTAINING NEW LIFE

Set up four teams to:

- Communicate the plan
- Celebrate the achievements
- Monitor the implementation
- Evaluate the outcomes





# SUSTAINING NEW LIFE

...keep the dream alive



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Session 4: Sustaining New Life

That completes the Comprehensive Planning Process

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