

## 2B.3 PEOPLE OF GOD RESOURCE SHEET 3: THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

The Five Marks of Mission were developed within the Church of England, and adopted by them in 1996. The Marks enable Christians of different countries and cultures to have a common focus as they share in God's mission in the world.

### 1. TELL – To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom

Proclamation may be in words – communicating the Gospel of Jesus clearly – but also in actions, by living the Good News that Christians proclaim.

### 2. TEACH – To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

Christian discipleship is about lifelong learning, so Christians all need help with growing in faith, so that the Church is a learning environment for all ages.

### 3. TEND – To respond to human need by loving service

Christians have a long tradition of care for people inside and outside their churches. Christians are called to respond to the needs of people locally and in the wider human community.

### 4. TRANSFORM – To seek to transform unjust structures in society

Jesus and the Old Testament prophets before him challenged oppressive structures in God's name. Christians should not only press for change, but also demonstrate justice within the way they live and organise their Church.

### 5. TREASURE – To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the Earth

The Bible's vision of salvation is universal in its scope. Christians are called to promote the well-being of the human community and its environment, so that all Creation may live in harmony.