

Ministry Description of the Outreach Ministry
(Approved by the Outreach Committee – Dec. 14, 2017)

The mission of the Outreach Ministry is to further the mission of St. Brendan's by:

Providing leadership through September, 2018 in achieving **Parish Renewal Plan Goal # 9:** Develop one or two outreach ministries focused on the needs of residents of Deer Isle and the peninsula, ministries that, in addition to helping people in need, will begin to forge a 'parish identity' and provide a strong ecumenical, service and evangelism impact.

I. The responsibilities of the Outreach Ministry are to:

- Develop collaboration with other community churches and service organizations in the community and where possible and appropriate invite their leaders to meet and discuss their work with the Outreach Committee and congregation;
- In partnership with the Finance and Stewardship Ministry, and with the approval of the Vestry, develop a realistic budget that will sustain the ministries the Committee determines to pursue;
- To the extent that the foregoing budget is sufficient to make outreach grants, meet with prospective recipients of such grants and award those grants to recipients during worship and other meetings at St. Brendan's, when possible;
- Recruit St. Brendan's members and community members to support and participate in Outreach work.

II. In carrying out the Outreach Ministry of the congregation in partnership with the *Priest in Charge* and the Vestry, ministry members and the Chair (or Co-Chairs) will:

- Seek consensus, work collaboratively and communicate effectively in carrying out the Ministry;
- Commit to participate fully in meetings and actively engage in the Ministry's work.
- Set priorities for the Ministry and review performance on past priorities annually;
- Make program and policy recommendations concerning this Ministry to the Vestry;
- Conduct the Ministry in a manner consistent with Episcopal Church Canons and the Mission and Values of St. Brendan's.