



# 2019

- Over 6,000 people responded to the listening campaign to discern our way towards CV2030

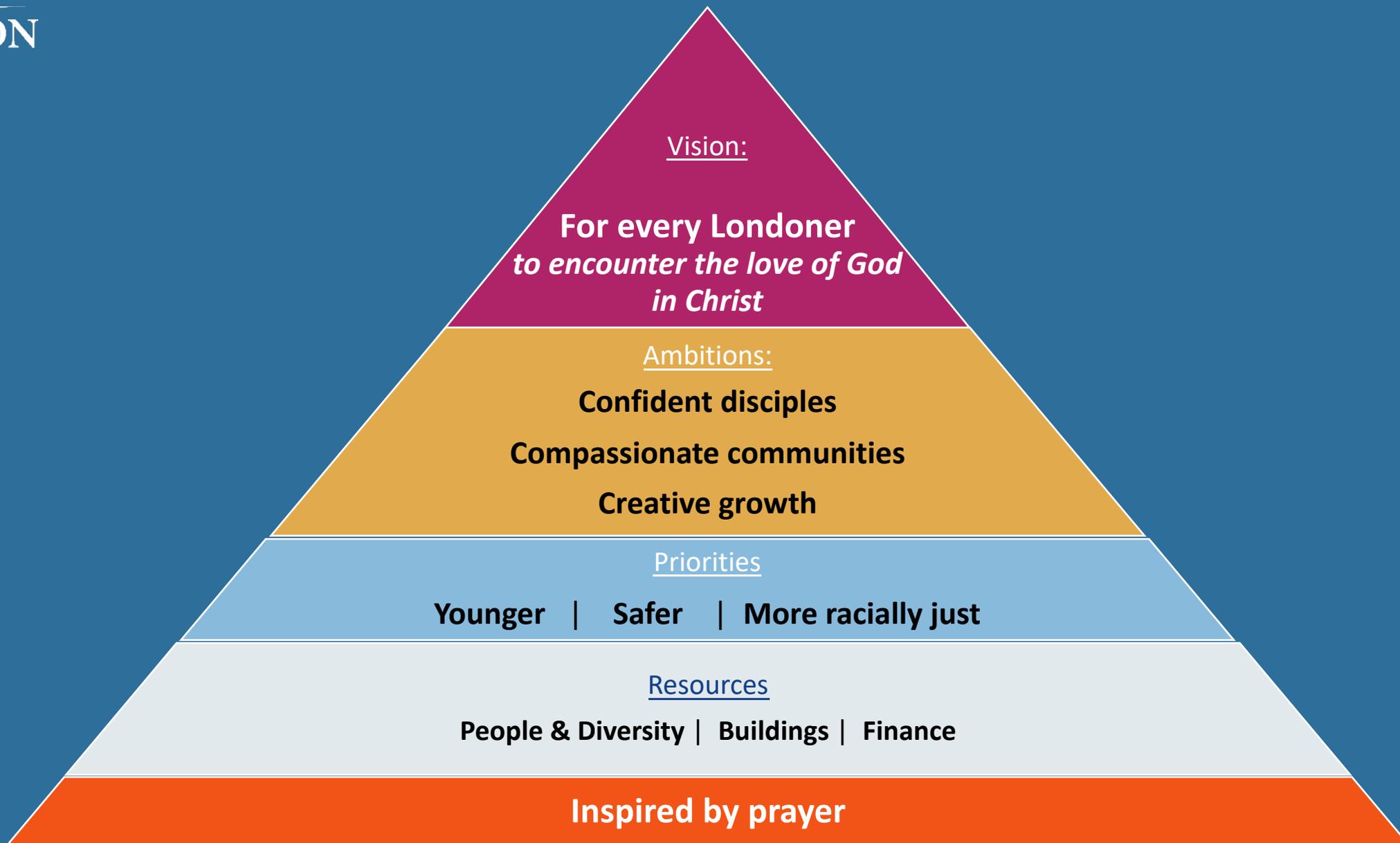
# 2020

- A time of suffering, anxiety, mourning and sharing in the compassion of Christ in a changing society
- Forced changes to church life - have not been easy - giving and regular attendance have been impacted
  - Online levels of church engagement are up - but will they translate to life-long commitment?
    - John 16.33, 2 Thessalonians 2.15 'Stand firm, hold fast' – Thank you! A costly privilege.

# 2021

- We are all in a VUCA season: a time of great Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity & Ambiguity
  - 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?' (Isaiah 43:19)
    - A year of transition Covid19 > CV2030

# Diocese of London Vision 2030





# Confident Disciples

with Discipleship at the heart, God grows the church

**Our vision is anchored in Acts 2 – starting with discipleship**

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.....And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved*

# Confident Disciples

- London culture has shifted - the church inhabits a different place...
- 59% of Christians in CoE say 'their church does not equip people well for life in today's world at home, work or elsewhere'
- 3 commitments: our own discipleship, nurturing those in our care seeing new disciples in our churches
- Resources: 5 marks of discipleship, best practice, discipleship tools, story telling, school of evangelists

*What support do worshipping communities need to grow confident disciples?*



# Compassionate Communities

**Acts 2: 45**

*...to anyone who had need.....*



# Compassionate Communities

- Building on 1,500 compassion initiatives in our churches each year
- 2030 Vision Focus. For the diocesan team to support local initiatives across the following six areas:

1. Caring for God's Creation – responding to the climate crisis
2. Mental health and wellbeing – esp through Covid
3. Modern Day Slavery and refugees
4. Debt and poverty
5. Youth violence and knife crime
6. Homelessness and housing

- 3 objectives: Map projects, Identify partners, Be a prophetic voice Capital Mass > CC

**What support do worshipping communities need to develop compassionate communities?**





# Creative Growth

- Stepney Area Population 612k in 2005 →831k in 2018
- Collective electoral roll 7,227 in 2012 →6,809 in 2019
- We sense a call to the church to be more creative, brave and experimental working to our strengths and collaborating with others
- Objective – We'd love to double our church attendance of 7658 and We will develop central Stepney resources around numeric growth.
- Resources: CGT, GROW course, open to new models of ministry, consultation and mentoring, leadership training



***What support do worshipping communities need in order to grow creatively in numbers?***

To reach every Londoner, we need to reflect the diversity of our city and be a safe church  
– in particular by growing

**younger, safer and more racially just**

These are our 3 priorities

# Younger

**Acts 2: 17**

*Your young people shall see visions*



We're missing our young people...

- Teenagers
- Students
- Young adults

Some new shoots:

Youthscape Clergy training, centralised gatherings of leaders, family discipleship tools, East Park School, Katie O'Conner

**What support do worshipping communities need to grow younger?**

# Safer

## Acts 2: 28

*You have made known to me the paths of life*

We have not done enough to prevent or respond to past abuse

We are sorry and must do better in:

- Promoting a safer culture
- Our responsibility to children and adults at risk
- Responding to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring for victims/survivors of abuse
- Responding to those who may pose a present risk to others

**What support do worshipping communities need in order to grow safer?**

# Racially just - *Combatting racism*

Acts 2: 5

*from every nation under heaven...*

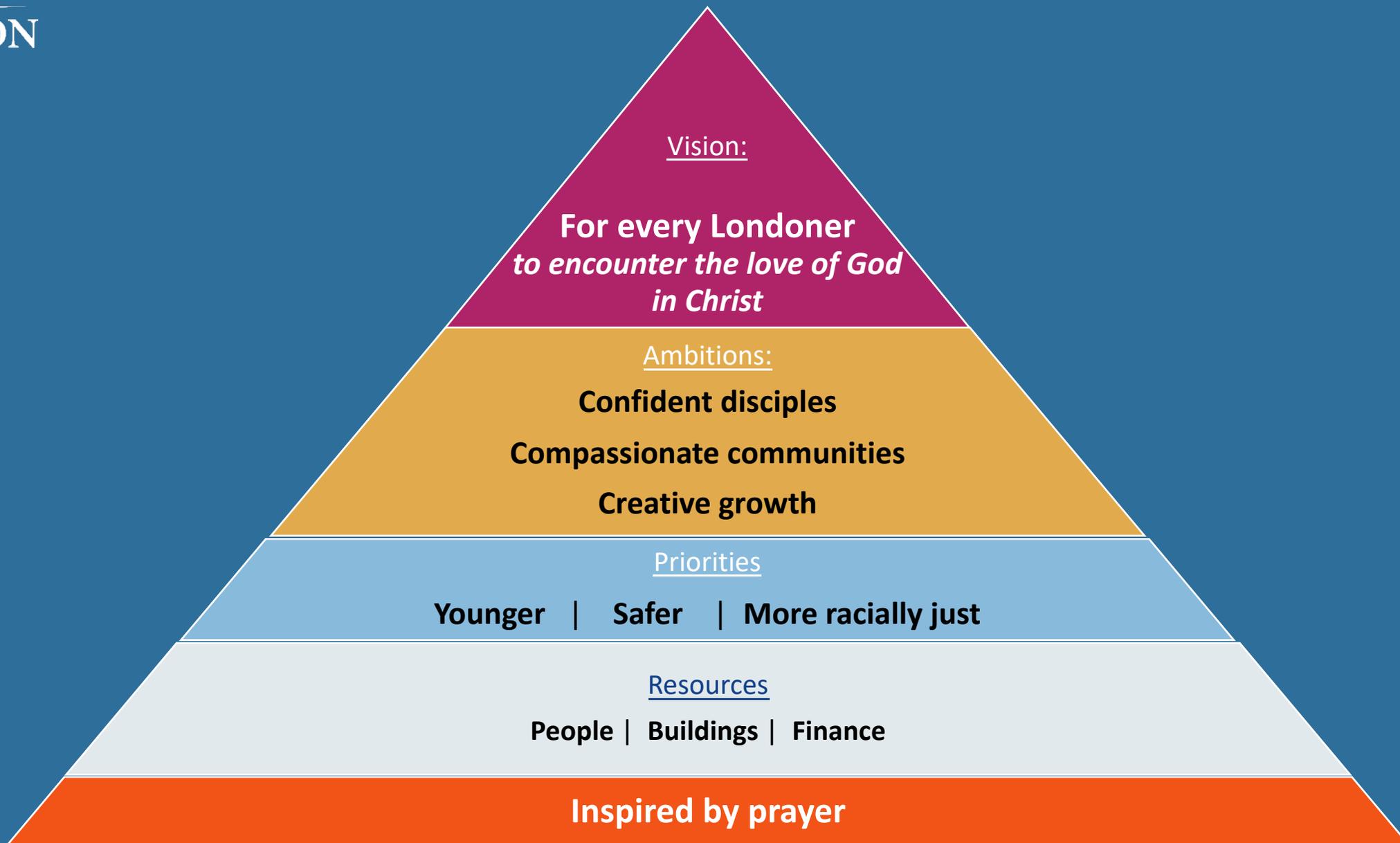


**To reach every Londoner we need to be active in combatting racism and racial injustice**

- We need to examine our theology, structures, and appointments, to see where we have failed to treat Black, Asian, and other people of colour justly.
- We need to say sorry and make real changes.
- We need to be a community where people from diverse cultural backgrounds can be visible and contribute at every level of leadership and governance.

**What support do worshipping communities need to grow more culturally diverse?**

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# Response

We'd love your PCC to see these slides and to pray for your own response and for the life and mission of the Stepney Area.

For more information or to engage with resources:

- Rev Andy Rider Dean of Mission
- Your Area Dean
- Sara Black the Stepney Administrator

Lent Study Day W10 March

Area Conference M10-W12 May

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