

## **No Parish is an Island**

What is "Outreach"?

One answer: To be as broad as possible but within the goals of retaining families, working on programs that would draw more members, to be a part of church school programs, and then to become a part of the churches. -The group named this response "Evangelism" -- more than outreach.

Another response: Ministry outside of our building. Or maybe within the building but have the programs for the homeless.

Some examples of Outreach:

St. David's - Paper Pantry - once a month - now with take-home meal.

St. Mary's - Amazing Grace Summer Camp (with St. David's) + Food Pantry  
Cooking and making meals

There is a large homeless population on Cape Cod. Is there a way for congregations to collaborate -- For instance, in outreach to AA/NA/Al-Anon. - working to solve homelessness?

In Plymouth, they found some housing last year, so the populations went down for a while. But now it's back up.

Statistic - The highest concentration of individuals in substance abuse is in SE Massachusetts.

We ended with saying that "housing first" must happen before individuals can get a job or get sober.