Operation Prism – a small team of BUC folks striving to answer the question:

Why does Bedford United Church exist? That may sound like a rather foolish question for an organization that has existed in Bedford, in one form or another, for 156 years. An organization that is part of a religious tradition that has existed for more than two thousand years. But really, why does Bedford United Church continue to thrive in these uncertain and tumultuous times when so many organizations fail and so many other things vie for our attention and money?

To ensure that BUC remains a faith-filled, vibrant and relevant force in the community and the world for years to come, we need to clearly and concisely answer the "Why" question. We are embarking on a broad consultation effort over the next few months to plainly articulate the answer to the question and to consider how the compelling "Why" shapes the BUC worshipping community which is at the core of BUC.

As we begin to hold meetings of various groups within the church to capture as many perspectives and insights as possible, please accept the invitations to engage and tussle with the questions that get at the heart of who we are as a community of faith in this place and time. It will be an exciting time, and we may learn some things about ourselves along the way.

The core group that is engaged in consulting and crafting the "Why" statement includes May Belliveau, Nic Fieldsend, Beth Hayward, Jeremy MacHattie, Andrea McQuillin, Janice Reid, Val Welsh.

Operation Prism Timeline: Draft Final **BUC Compelling** Operation Prism Operation Prism "WHY" Statement Document Document FEB MAR APR MAY IUN Ministry Team Council & Fact-finding Ministry Team Sessions Broad Consultation Consultation on Draft Document Council Community Consultations Ministry Teams Beacon House Hope Cottage Sunday Service Focus on Visioning Congregation & NS Health YMCA Congregation Discussions