POLITICS OF THE HERE AND NOW

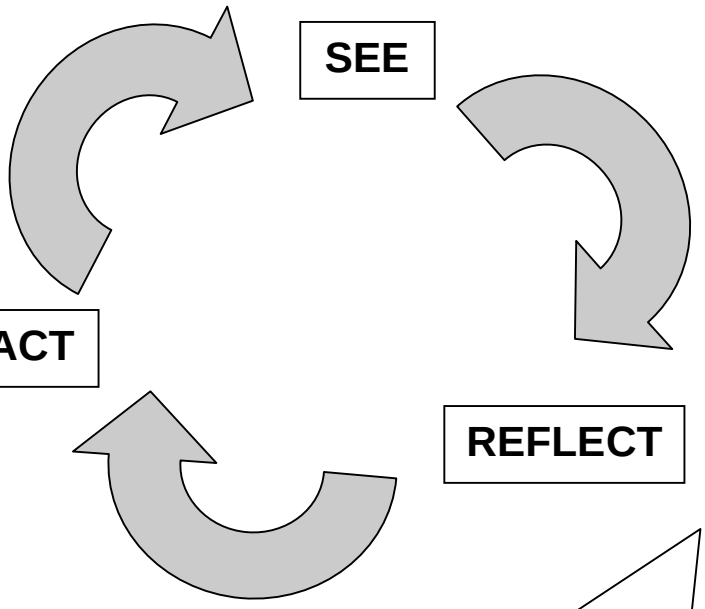
Using the Pastoral Cycle

Explore the issue you have identified

- Draw a "spidergram" of your issue.
- Break your issue down as far as you possibly can to identify the links with other issues
- What are the causes?
- What things don't you know? How could you find them out?
- Where are the points where change could be brought about?

How can you and/or your church respond?

- Personally – do you want to learn more or change your behaviour?
- Practically – what practical help is needed in this situation?
- Politically – what political changes are needed, and how can these be brought about?



Where are the resonances or connections as you reflect on the issues and links?

- Are there bible stories, biblical or theological themes, or Christian symbols or traditions which ring bells?
- What might they be saying about where God is in this situation?
- Which are the elements that cause joy, signs for celebration?
- Which cause sorrow, signs for repentance and challenge?
- What is the vision?