

Group A
Bi-lingual group with a translator

Female	6	Lay	8
Male	4	Clergy	2

Diocesan Christian educator	2
Parish Christian educator	1
Seminary Dean	0
Seminary faculty	0
Canon to the Ordinary	0
Commission on Ministry member	2
National Episcopal Schools member	1
Multi-cultural ministry	3
National Association of Christian Education Directors	0
National Organization of Episcopal Resource Centers	2
Education for Ministry	1
Professor of education / college	2
Endowed Episcopal Parish	1
Diocesan School	2
Lay leader with educational responsibility	2
Priest / deacon with educational responsibility	2
815 staff	1
Deployment Officer / staff	0
Episcopal Camps / Conference Centers	0
Anglican / Global Relations	0
Other denomination	0
Disability Network	0
Episcopal Council for Christian Education	1
Other	

Dioceses represented: Arizona, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Long Island, Massachusetts, Olympia, Southern Ohio, Texas, Virginia

Session I: Christian Faith & How We Learn to Live It

What have you heard?

- We are more alike than different
- The beginning of a circle of trust is telling our story
- The core of the relationship is experiential, but we need not compromise with our tradition
- Our lives are spent learning & unlearning our faith
- There is something about our identity in the Episcopal Church that opens up our faith.

What are the implications?

- Safe places are extremely important
- Episcopal Churches offer safe places – we need to define safe places to tell our stories
- The Bible is ALL stories and we can't forget that. It is a book of questions; most people use it as an answer book.
- You can't go wrong with your own story
- Our Episcopal curriculum does not help us to form our stories as part of the Biblical story

Anything else?

- Make sure safe places don't become comfortable places where we aren't challenged.

Session II: Hospitality in Teaching & Learning

What have you heard?

- Hospitality must be sincere
- Hospitality grows memberships
- People come to church because they are asked – but they need to feel welcome once they are there
- Sometimes the best acts of hospitality are not perfect – but we try

What are the implications?

- Ask on a regular basis, “Are we hospitable?” and “What can we do about it?”
- Make book juggling easier
- Attitude of hospitality is more important than anything else – all the rest is details
- Examine our barriers to hospitality

Anything else?

- Our scribe is very good! (they told me to write this!)
- The new thing that our goal is not to be identical, but to be diverse and respectful of the diversity
- Our goal is Jesus who embraces community. It’s hard to move from an individual relationship with God to a community relationship with God

Session III: The Stranger as Spiritual Guide

What have you heard?

- More people who see their faith as joyful and cheerful that faith will radiate
- Bear the faith in Christ joyfully – like the cheerleaders
- Those who help see are also blind
- We are always on the winning team even if we lost the game

What are the implications?

- Learn to show our faith as both happy and sour
- Step out of our comfort zone
- If we think it’s good news then we should act like it
- Jesus is always the winning team and there is always good news

Anything else?

- Can we really be Christian if we have never been in a place of brokenness that makes us vulnerable?

Session IV: Leadership for Community & Abundance

What have you heard?

- Learning to let go and trust the inner wisdom of the group
- Jesus can take care of himself
- There are different models of leadership
- In the Episcopal Church we have to share power
- Shared leadership is not absence of structure – sometimes even people of faith, forget to pray and when we do we then ask, “What do we do next?” We act like prayer isn’t enough. Leaders are both born and formed.

What are the implications?

- Sit at a different place in the meeting and know the group will still get it right and the Gospel won’t die
- Empower the group to assume responsibility
- Consciously think to work in the wisdom of the group
- Have to educate the group

Anything else?

- Stay grounded in scripture, reason and tradition
- Shared leadership needs a lot of love and openness and trust