

## Group B

Female	7	Lay	6
Male	4	Clergy	5

Diocesan Christian educator	1
Parish Christian educator	4
Seminary Dean	0
Seminary faculty	2
Canon to the Ordinary	0
Commission on Ministry member	3
National Episcopal Schools member	1
Multi-cultural ministry	2
National Association of Christian Education Directors	1
National Organization of Episcopal Resource Centers	0
Education for Ministry	0
Professor of education / college	1
Endowed Episcopal Parish	1
Diocesan School	1
Lay leader with educational responsibility	2
Clergy with educational responsibility	2
815 staff	0
Deployment Officer / staff	0
Episcopal Camps / Conference Centers	0
Anglican / Global Relations	0
Other denomination	0
Disability Network	0
Episcopal Council for Christian Education	0
Other: Campus Chaplain	1

*Dioceses represented:* El Camino Real, Hawaii, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Maryland, Ohio, Southern Virginia, West Virginia,

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

*What have you heard?*

- The awakening of the faith comes at a time when knowledge of what to do was absent
- The surprise was that there was a community of faith ready for us
- This mystery and The Mystery are far larger than we can comprehend
- Exposure to those of growing faith gives other a reflection of what is potential in ourselves
- Learning that common to all faith experiences is the source of strength within that brings peace and...

*What are the implications?*

- It is the listening that gets us to the knowledge that is needed
- A receiving safe community is essential – awaiting the arrival of “those who come in faith” to support nurture and incorporate those who wish to stay
- Nurturing and growing in the ability to be fully alive in healthy, life-giving relationships is an ex???? Agenda for Christian education
- Education needs to be the process built on and continued in the experience of the people/groups

*Anything else?*

- Is the Episcopal Church ready to stop being a denomination even exclusively Christian and realize that the mystery of God has a far greater potential to work through us if we erase the borders (transcriber unsure of handwriting)

## **Session II: Hospitality in Teaching & Learning**

*What have you heard?*

- The key is institutionalization of hospitality as a core value, as in Quakerism or Buddhism
- Intentionality and preparedness to welcome those who are engaged in what God has stirred in their lives
- Hospitality is not present when there are spoken and unspoken rules of exclusion and acceptability
- Need to listen to children/youth

*What are the implications?*

- Intentionality to transform the institution – it takes a ??? of 10 years.
- It must become embedded in the community can't be done by an individual
- Risk taking essential
- Celebration of diversity continually creates hospitality and an environment of acceptance

*Anything else?*

- Anglican way of both/and potentially allows us to do something other traditions can't

## **Session III: The Stranger as Spiritual Guide**

*What have you heard?*

- When we are most certain we are less likely to listen – blindness comes with the quiet judgment
- When we are most comfortable with diversity there is no room for the stranger
- The stranger may be a person we think we have known for years but we haven't; we may be the stranger, but have repressed a side of ourselves to conform
- It is hard to listen to our own voice; we must learn to be bridge people / find bridge people (double agents) which is a skill to be nurtured and developed

*What are the implications?*

- Circles of trust establish an environment in which all are stranger, but whose stories carry a part of the truth of and need for the whole
- Theology of Easter Even – The Resurrection is carried by the stranger – (Eastern orthodoxy – if there are no baptisms on Easter Eve the resurrection will not arrive in that community)
- Continually teach and develop skills to meet on new ground (circle of trust) where we all build the future together

*Anything else?*

- We judge people who are superficial, when in fact we are being superficial ourselves
- We do not take time to hear each others' stories

## **Session IV: Leadership for Community & Abundance**

*What have you heard?*

- Community comes into being in response to an event, often as a surprise, calling us to move to a new space in which we become vulnerable in order to become real
- The key is who/whom will hold the space for community to happen
- Community elements: simplicity, low or no prior agenda, recognition that all of us have an inner teacher, letting each other into our lives

*What are the implications?*

- Be not anxious of what we don't have – but discover how to create stories around events that God keeps stirring in our midst
- Enable this to be the rough (?) focus and bring forward multiple models of how this is affirmed, engaged and trusted

- It is not technology it is the supremacy of each personal story