

Group C

Female	6	Lay	4 (5)
Male	1 (3)	Clergy	3 (4)

Diocesan Christian educator	2
Parish Christian educator	4
Seminary Dean	0
Seminary faculty	(1)
Canon to the Ordinary	0
Commission on Ministry member	0
National Episcopal Schools member	1
Multi-cultural ministry	1
National Association of Christian Education Directors	2
National Organization of Episcopal Resource Centers	0
Education for Ministry	1
Professor of education / college	(1)
Endowed Episcopal Parish	(2)
Diocesan School	2
Lay leader with educational responsibility	2
Clergy 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: PEALL / Bishop	(2)/1

Dioceses represented: Bethlehem, Georgia, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Minnesota, Northwest Texas, Utah, Washington

Note: 1 member (815 staff & PEALL) went to another group; 1 member (PEALL) did not go to any small group sessions; (#) – total if all had attended

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

What have you heard?

- Received many gifts but don't have the context to recognize & celebrate the gift
- Forget how to live in community & as members of the larger community

What are the implications?

- Need a way to talk about/share the important experiences of our lives
- How can we trust each other with the precious life changing moments?
- Metaphors – work with them as a teaching tools
- Seed us – soil our circles & what we've learned; plus water our lives

Anything else?

- How do we create our circles / communities of trust?
- How can we take transitional moments & make them life long learnings?

Session II: Hospitality in Teaching & Learning

What have you heard?

- Embrace others' stories – 'old testaments' – learn the stories
- How can we use power and privilege to help?

- Be more flexible on Sunday mornings – scheduling as well as program
- Leaders need to know how to extend hospitality. Be intentional.
- Learn why we are here – be intentional about hospitality of the heart – extend this hospitality to people and to God
- Be aware of people & reinforce hospitality

What are the implications?

- Begin with leadership (Bishops, clergy & vestries) – educate them
- Need leadership to buy into the program – not just lip service
- Lots of listening
- Formation aspect of vestry meetings to teach / reinforce hospitality

Anything else?

- Discrimination is taught in the home
- Knowing – understanding various backgrounds (histories) is key to hospitality

Session III: The Stranger as Spiritual Guide

What have you heard?

- The image of ‘who’ we want in ‘our’ church isn’t who is out there – non-members don’t fit in ‘here’
- We are blind to those who don’t look like us – outsiders, children; blind to call for outreach; need of change; blind to our fears; blind to people we don’t understand
- Fear is a hard mantle to shed
- Bartimaeus’: children, the elderly, youth (Confirmation with no clout – no voting rights)
- It takes a long time to understand the depth of children

What are the implications?

- Be open to other possibilities of doing faith community / church
- Our energies could be channeled to encourage new possibilities
- Crossovers happen in our lives even if we can’t see them at that moment – clarity breaks through
- Dialogue between institution (church) and Body of Christ – is hard to deal with; a heavy mantle is being constrained to live within the institution

Anything else?

- A church for ‘bored’ Christians and interested pagans would be welcome

Session IV: Leadership for Community & Abundance

What have you heard?

What are the implications?

- Community = being accepted, welcomed, encouraged
 - We work on content – we need to work on relationships; not focus on goals; we need to keep balance
 - We need the institution/church (love it) but we also need to have flexibility – not rigidity
- Building relationships
 - Knowing how much I could receive and needed to receive from others (than others will learn from me) – in leadership a mutual learning experience – can make it a welcoming, hospitable place
 - Having intergenerational groups – opportunities of learning from each other – worship/liturgy at its best
- Create the environment: light the candles, set the scene
- What leads people to not be part of the culture of scarcity? Be counter-cultural – educate us on that
- Be affirming, healing, welcoming, encouraging
- Making connections, community – be part of something

- What is the heart of the content? Share that piece! Be clear about communicating that. One word can feed 1,000
- It is the Quality of the Experience vs. the Quantity of the Information