

Group D

Female	7	Lay	6
Male	2	Clergy	3

Diocesan Christian educator	3
Parish Christian educator	7
Seminary Dean	0
Seminary faculty	0
Canon to the Ordinary	0
Commission on Ministry member	1
National Episcopal Schools member	0
Multi-cultural ministry	0
National Association of Christian Education Directors	2
National Organization of Episcopal Resource Centers	1
Education for Ministry	1
Professor of education / college	1
Endowed Episcopal Parish	1
Diocesan School	1
Lay leader with educational responsibility	3
Clergy with educational responsibility	3
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	1
Other: Author/Speaker on Formation	1

Dioceses represented: Bethlehem, Indianapolis, Lexington, Ohio, Southern Virginia, Washington, West Texas

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

What have you heard?

- Creating opportunities where people can tell their stories & stories can be heard/ insight & information
- Celebrate God's presence w/in the stories & to be able to give thanks – to find God's blessing
- Spending time in physical presence of one another
- Creating safety zones even w/in discomfort – where discomfort can be put aside

What are the implications?

- How do you process this information at home in real time and space?
- Don't have a program on storytelling, but use stories within the context of a meeting
- Using norms in ministry to create safe spaces
- Provide 'intentional time' for stories and remember that all stories are sacred

Anything else?

- Not to use stories as an icebreaker
- Practice of silence

Session II: Hospitality in Teaching & Learning

What have you heard?

- Looking at the models we use – how they can be adapted / altered to accommodate different needs and ways of learning multiplicity of models

- Being able to learn from each other
- Includes “food”
- Be aware of the need for traditional models for those who are comfortable with that - men, older people
- Listen to audience’s needs – be able to adapt
- Being able to listen (and use) what you don’t expect
- Being able to speak your heart
- Develop caring communities – meet people where they are

What are the implications?

- Create place where obstacles are broken down; where “types” can find what they need. Making things (programs accessible, groups, classes)
- Provide purposes for hospitality – some leadership and direction is needed
- Avoid stagnation
- Challenge – how to get people “in” hospitality without leaving them where they are (what has been learned? How has growth occurred?)
- **Needs to be addressed:** What are the needs of the small church? (not being able to do things for all people – multiple programs, etc.)
- Create networks that are trustworthy – lay leadership

Anything else?

- Seeing hospitality – ecological

Session III: The Stranger as Spiritual Guide

What have you heard?

- What are we blind to? Who isn’t here at this consultation?
- Is the church like Bartimaeus? Maybe we should be throwing off our mantle and going to the world
- Remaining/building community can help filter our blindness when we are practicing open community
- We have a hard time distinguishing between our “core” belief of our faith and what is peripheral

What are the implications?

- Look outward – define issues – do not stay in survival mode – we may be our own problem
- “What’s in my box” Do personal / discernment of my core values to become more aware of how I (we) proclaim the Gospel, teach, etc. – Self-definition

Anything else?

- The question is not “How do we save the Episcopal Church?” but “How do we bring the world to Christ?”

Session IV: Leadership for Community & Abundance

What have you heard?

- Formation vs. education – defining and developing
- All stories have contributed to richness of group life and have added a dimension to our discussion

What are the implications?

- Rethink Christian education conferences – less lecture, more experience
- Asking people to contribute
- Affirmation of what has been done differently – didactic stuff comes last, not first

Anything else?

- Need for follow up in groups formed this weekend – how to do that?