

## Group K

Female	6	Lay	6
Male	4	Clergy	4

  

Diocesan Christian educator	0
Parish Christian educator	5
Seminary Dean (Diocesan School of Theology)	1
Seminary faculty	0
Canon to the Ordinary	1
Commission on Ministry member	1
National Episcopal Schools member	0
Multi-cultural ministry	3
National Association of Christian Education Directors	1
National Organization of Episcopal Resource Centers	0
Education for Ministry	2
Professor of education / college	1
Endowed Episcopal Parish	0
Diocesan School	2
Lay leader with educational responsibility	2
Clergy with educational responsibility	3
815 staff	1
Deployment Officer / staff	1
Episcopal Camps / Conference Centers	1
Anglican / Global Relations	0
Other denomination	0
Disability Network	1
Episcopal Council for Christian Education	1
Other: Lilly Foundation	1

*Dioceses represented:* Connecticut, Georgia, Indianapolis, Los Angeles/San Diego, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Northern California, North Carolina, Virginia

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

*What have you heard?*

- Listening to stories: hearing stories = being witness to the task
- The work of taking risks to be open, to share self is a struggle

*What are the implications?*

- How do we create a safe place?
- How can we BE a safe place for others?
- How do we find new models for education?
- We need to understand that we do not have all the answers, AND still work on the task of being prophetic?

*Anything else?*

- To be a teacher or a learner one needs to be willing to be vulnerable and to be in one's self a self a safe space to another person. St. Alban's, Indianapolis (catechumenate class) would begin with a question, "What baggage did you bring with you tonight?"

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

*What have you heard?*

- Hospitality is about practice of being open
- Hospitality is accepting people who show up broken
- Hospitality is putting our baptismal covenant in practice

*What are the implications?*

- We must acknowledge that there will be casualties; people leaving
- Sometimes we must let go when people are dissatisfied! We must/should help people to find what works for them – lovingly say hello

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

*What have you heard?*

- Recognizing the stranger and welcome those who differ from our most core values
- Learning to embrace the threat of our own resurrection
- Regretting that all voices were not present

*What are the implications?*

- Recognizing and being respectful of how many values we have in common
- Desire to hold better the tension of differences in voices
- We acknowledge there are still too many marginalized groups
- Are our churches safe places to learn when homosexuals are marginalized and do not have access to all the sacraments? How can we be a church that does not cast anyone out?

*Anything else?*

- We didn't explore enough of the others who are not Christian – other denominations and theologies
- Among young Christians there are those who accept modern science and find that they cannot reconcile biblical faith and science. Can the church overcome this problem in reaching young adults?

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

*What have you heard?*

- Some of us learned to be able to respect our individual expertise
- There was much discussion about the nature of the “expert” vs. the purpose of a “facilitator.” One person stressed that expertise in a field of study is a valued commodity, which we do not all have; some people do know more than others about a particular topic or field.
- Some of us came because we wanted to hear Parker Palmer as the expert, a known commodity. Yet wisdom resides in the group.

*What are the implications?*

- Ask the “mom” about her spiritual life. It's informative in the “education” arena
- Learning is not just academic – it is lived.

*Anything else?*

- How is it we can feel safe with a group of strangers? What is happening?