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Female	9	Lay	8
Male	2	Clergy	3

Diocesan Christian educator	5
Parish Christian educator	4
Seminary Dean	0
Seminary faculty	1
Canon to the Ordinary	0
Commission on Ministry member	0
National Episcopal Schools member	0
Multi-cultural ministry	0
National Association of Christian Education Directors	0
National Organization of Episcopal Resource Centers	0
Education for Ministry	2
Professor of education / college	1
Endowed Episcopal Parish	0
Diocesan School	1
Lay leader with educational responsibility	6
Clergy with educational responsibility	0
815 staff	1
Deployment Officer / staff	1
Episcopal Camps / Conference Centers	1
Anglican / Global Relations	0
Other denomination	0
Disability Network	0
Episcopal Council for Christian Education	0
Other: Mutual Ministry / Total Ministry / Ministry Dev.	3

Dioceses represented: California, Dallas, East Carolina, Eastern Michigan, Florida, Louisiana, Ohio, Maine, Michigan. Southern Virginia

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

What have you heard?

- We are theologians. People can find their own answers
- Need for diversity of vision, honoring all the voices, getting beneath the “costumes” and seeming homogeneity.
- Being willing to embrace need, longing, loss of self-control.
- Need to overcome our paralyzing individualism

What are the implications?

- How can we be more open and willing to do what everyone brings to life in Christ?
Including vision from youth
- Need for mutual support in carrying the vision we catch
- Need for safe spaces in which we can risk God’s presence
- Places where we can tell our stories, even the painful ones, acknowledge our need

Anything else?

- The educable moment is when people are in crisis, transition or pain
- We need icons, not idols

Session II: Hospitality in Teaching & Learning

What have you heard?

- Meet people where they are. Ask what they need. Anticipate it if you can.
- “Let go” defensiveness, fear, the need to be right, respectability, certainty, judgementalism, violence
- “Put on” genuine love. Respect the ministry of the baptized
- Be willing to be educated ourselves. Be vulnerable and even naïve. Expect the unexpected. Remember that God is at work.

What are the implications?

- Create communities across generations
- Pray towards the hope of conversation towards those who differ from us, even while we take care of our own business
- Create circles of trust and opportunities to work and talk together

Anything else?

- Trust people, take their gifts and the call seriously
- It’s not our church anyway! Keep a sense of humor

Session III: The Stranger as Spiritual Guide

What have you heard?

- It’s not the curriculum / practices / BCP, but how we handle them that is the problem in welcoming people
- We need to attend to the “hidden rules” in our church
- Be Christian, rather than “upholding Christian tradition”
- We don’t market ourselves well – If it was up to us, Bartimaeus wouldn’t know Jesus was passing by!

What are the implications?

- We need creative ways of showing liturgical hospitality
- We need new ways of thinking about membership, apart from the “pledging unit”
- What is the balance between expecting too much of people and expecting too little of them? How do we make it (the Christian life) compelling, exciting, worthy of people’s commitment?
- Let’s promote our faith, our hope, our community, as well as our comfort with the big questions

Anything else?

- Are we willing both to hear people crying out, and to hear them into crying out? And we will do this in our life in the world, not in the pews, because they aren’t there ye?
- Despite a great deal of programs, the children are often the Bartimaeus in our midst

Session IV: Leadership for Community & Abundance

What have you heard?

- Facilitated formation is often more effective than conventional teaching
- Formation integrated into the life of the community as well as done in particular places and ways
- Make community roles, boundaries and behavior open and negotiable
- Intergenerational groups are something we need to work on making happen, because they are fruitful ground for community learning

What are the implications?

- Leaders must be willing to set aside conventional expectations of authority and what is 'due' them
- Hospitality is key: welcoming everyone's contribution; giving the very best; anticipating needs
- Keep our structures simple
- "One size" in terms of program and approach does not fit all
- Principles are more important than details

Anything else?

- Amazing things happen when eyes and souls trade places