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Female	5	Lay	4
Male	3	Clergy	4

  

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

*Dioceses represented:* Central Pennsylvania, Chicago, Hawaii, Kentucky, New York, Newark, West Texas, Western North Carolina

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

*What have you heard?*

- Faith is a verb not a noun. Faith is trust.
- Faith is courage.
- Faith is behaving in abundance.
- Spiritual nurture should begin at home – it should not be outsourced to the church.

*What are the implications?*

- We must be aware of learning styles
- We must pay attention to millennials
- Every household should have a theology and a mission
- The old Sunday School model is failing
- Christian education needs to be a solid foundation before theological education can take place

*Anything else?*

- What would Christian formation in the Episcopal Church look like if the primary goal was the formation of households as the primary focus of our Christian education program?

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

*What have you heard?*

- We are not paying attention to the things that matter
- The tension of receiving all people
- How do we deal with the people who we might choose not to be with
- There is a thread of divine providence that weaves through all traditions

*What are the implications?*

- What is my role in creating/fostering a community of faith?
- Explore faith through Bible reflection – how scripture intersects our life
- Continue to work on ways to be hospitable to others' faith journey

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

*What have you heard?*

- Risky action – welcoming the stranger – we are often acutely aware of the importance of welcoming the stranger
- Immersion experiences are valuable – places where you may be the minority

*What are the implications?*

- Being ready to get to know the person who sits next to us
- Often we need to know ourselves first so that we can get to know one another
- Doing church and being church are two very different things

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

*What have you heard?*

- There is a very distinct / different view of Christian formation and Christian education
- We need to clarify these views
- We have to learn how to set the fire – set the stage for formation

*What are the implications?*

- Could each diocese / congregation model “safe circle” practice in various meetings?
- How can we take the end result of an exceptional event – how can we make this the norm?
- The miracle of the loaves and fishes was not that the people were fed but they were transformed

*Anything else?*

- If we strip away our surface stuff – then we can form community