

## Group Y

Female	7	Lay	6
Male	4	Clergy	5

  

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

*Dioceses represented:* Colorado, Convocation in Europe, East Tennessee, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Virginia (also ELCA leadership)

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

*What have you heard?*

- God shows up in unexpected places.
- Liturgy brings us home; the light leads us home
- We can choose to be intentional (for our faith development)
- The children can carry the memory for each other

*What are the implications?*

- It is never too late to dig the “well” for others
- Each story touches us – it’s all one story (Our story, my story, God’s story)
- God dreams the story – God made humanity because God loves stories
- Stories illuminate or cause us to be stuck – need to revisit – both a memory and future beckoning

*Anything else?*

- Interrelationship stories are where we relate / build community
- We need to know and be known

### Session II: Hospitality in Teaching & Learning

*What have you heard?*

- Listen with unshakeable faith – do not judge
- E-mail can create a safe space to respond with love and affection

- Resistance to change – out of fear leads to brokenness – evasion / insecurity leads to brokenness
- To thy own self be true – must authentically love yourself

*What are the implications?*

- You cannot heal a broken trust relationship. We have an opportunity to reconcile and change the relationship; ask for & giving forgiveness is hospitality
- Do not be afraid. The flowers in the desert
- How do we be hospitable to those with whom we disagree?
- Structure can or cannot work; needs to fit the mission

*Anything else?*

- We need to be able to receive hospitality as well as give it
- Gift of time

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

*What have you heard?*

- If we want healthy children, we need healthy adults
- Mantles (and we named more than one) keeps us from being open
- Conversion/transformation frees us/congregation from culture – systems need to change
- We need to be still long enough to know Christ in our midst/passing by

*What are the implications?*

- It's hard to find a common language – it brings us up short
- We need to agree to disagree
- We need to invest in relationship/community, and training to do process/program, not curriculum – quick fix is easy materials
- It's messy and takes time – we have it in our midst – we need to do the hard work of keeping the tension

*Anything else?*

- Congregations need truth-tellers; those who will say what no one else will say
- God does not force relationships
- The greatest challenge is apathy

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

*What have you heard?*

- Blessings of abundance come from holding the space to be safe – resist the need to fix, save, rescue
- We can give more abundantly when we acknowledge/affirm we have gifts to give
- Expect abundance and it will come. “Fixed duration” is easy
- Permission to work on wholistic approach to education
- Need encouragement to take time

*What are the implications?*

- The safe space does not always translate – must create the safe space all over again
- Experiential / process learning is hard
- Light the other end – be open to try things differently
- We got to experience the model of safe space – got to “practice” the model – integrity of participation

*Anything else?*

- The network café almost needed facilitators and scribes

- Take away hope – saw Episcopal Church at its best – Eucharist was special to have children in our midst
- Asset mapping was well received and greatly appreciated