

2016 Diocesan Convention

Sticky Note - Roundtable Discusson

DISCERNMENT	1A	<i>What characteristic, ministry service or event singularly distinguishes your church in our community?</i>	
	53	Outreach	work with local charities, animal/pet ministry, senior agency, inreach, community support, quilts, Ronald McDonald house, family services support
	42	Food Pantry / Food Ministry	beans and rice, community meals, food boxes, food pantry, manna food bank, meals on wheels, soup kitchen, Sunday dinner for hungry, turkey giveaway
	35	Events	Fish fry, trunk or treat, lenten lunches, fall festival, garage sales, pancake supper, Christmas fundraiser, silent auction, fishing tournament, craft fair
	25	Worship	liturgy, sung mass, Christmas, noon prayer, animal blessing, ashes to go
	24	Music Ministry / Arts	concerts, choir, music program, music in youth group, recitals, gallery for local artists
	22	Hospitality	hospitality lunches, fellowship, for visitors & newcomers at services
	21	Building / Location	fellowship hall, on the water, renovation, visible, history
	19	School / Education	pre school, school ministry, pre-K, day school, volunteers
	19	Descriptive	ex: welcoming, friendly, accepting, loving, open
	14	Thrift Store	thrift store, shop, thrift store grants, TS christmas goods, holiday shop
	13	Homeless / Support Ministry	divorce recovery, AA, ALANON
	11	Youth / Children	Youth Sunday, boy scouts, children , school, godly play
	11	Other	memory, no ideas, we are small in an area of large churches, we serve affluent for better or worse, no ministry that distinguishes us

DISCERNMENT	1B	<i>In what ways does your church offer the "abundant life" of Jesus to your community?</i>	
	58	Welcome / Hospitality	open to all, welcoming, fellowship, friendly, open doors, abundant welcome, liturgy to all community, care for others
	50	Outreach	ministry to seniors, outreach to those in need, community relationships, giving tree, local music, recovery center, knitting ministry, donations to pet shelter
	42	Food Ministry	rice and beans, soup kitchen, food basket, food pantry, pancake supper
	26	Youth / School	godly play, teens coming together, partners in education, childcare, read aloud program, preschool, VBS, Happy Sands
	25	Support Groups & Programs	Pastoral care program, recovery groups, grief support, AA, exceptional foundation, interdenominational study, autism meetings
	22	Special Services / Liturgy	holy eucharist, advent, lent, theological base, posting sermons online, extraordinary sermons, mid week manna, rich worship
	18	Community Events / Programs	concerts, fine arts, space,
	6	Other	Thrift store, bill pay, family promise, labyrinth

DISCERNMENT	1C	<i>What is one thing you want the Bishop and his staff to do well?</i>	
	62	Inspire & Encourage	listen, support congregations, connect us, share enthusiasm, lead by example, help us, love us, be energetic, presence, prepare us, be joyful, nurture small churches, follow God, a sense of oneness

55	Provide Resources	resources for leaders, education, virtual bible study, assistance to small parish, inspire, provide vision, training for stewardship, ministry, christian ed, admin workshop, be available all the time, sponsor events, raise money, share what works, new ideas
45	Communicate	share: Bishops cell phone, ideas, priorities, resources, goals. More group meetings, share best practices, visit, all activities in the diocese
27	Interact	personal relationship, respond to individual needs, welcome new members, stay in touch, expand beyond the walls, not forget us, strengthen parishes, build a bridge
20	Clergy Assistance	clergy development, hire a canon, fellowship network, support, guidance to clergy, want full time priest, supply clergy
13	Youth Programming	emphasis youth, involvement, programs, attract them, provide ministry, use technology to communicate
11	Jesus / Other	don't let staff burnout, keep doing, do Gods will, energy and love for jesus, love jesus, proclaiming jesus, show jesus to all

DISCIPLESHP	2A	<i>What is the single most important characteristic of a disciple of Jesus?</i>
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44	Service / Engagment	programs that encourage frienship, take up cross, reach out to others, service to others, outside church, get down and dirty, bring people together
35	Love	love your neighbor, unconditional love, love of christ, love is an action, helping others thru love, love of people
32	Descriptive	walk the talk, humble, thankful, joyful, trust, humility, courage, leadership, empathy, hope, devotion, learn, teach, obedient
30	Faith	share, witness, holy spirit, accept jesus, meaning of christ, faithfulness, faith journey
26	Be Open and Accepting	be open, friendly, love people that are different, give yourself, welcome those that are different, be accepting, openness to others
26	Compassion	compassion for marginalized people, from those that are different, caring for others, provide comfort, reach out to those that are different, embrace the "others" compassionately
20	Listen	be a good listener, talk little listen lots, sincere listening,

DISCIPLESHP	2B	<i>What are ways that your church is transforming people's lives?</i>
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44	Relationships	get involved, community, showing care for others, new members, sharing story with others, fellowship occasions
40	Programs	creating space for meaning, kioros ministry, support for youth, outreach to community, varied topics on formation, campus ministry, godly play
36	Meeting Needs	make church assessable, seeing and responding, serve others, provide a home to all, services for others, take on important issues,
32	Acceptance / Love	accept all, accept people as they are, helping everone regardless, open eyes and understanding, love, compassion
27	Worship / Pastoral Care	invitation to worship, worshiping enviornment, prayers for members and birthdays, sermons that mean something, lay eucharist ministry, DVD sermons for deaf,
25	Education / Training	raising up leadaers, educate children, Montessori, christian ed, teaching fellowship, online academy, adult formation, EFM

23	Bible study / prayer groups	bible study Monday, increase spirituality, prayer groups, reunion groups, making bible real, youth study, adult survey, centering prayer, online study
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DISCIPLESHIP	2C	<i>What are the most important things the Bishop and his staff can provide for you to equip you for ministry?</i>
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45	Motivate & Encourage	keep doing what you are doing, continue to get involved, support us, encourage outreach, protect us from our doubts, lead by example, be encouraging, help us discern our gifts
40	Resources	vocate, for clergy, for vestry, share, compile, provide the resources, Sunday school resources, women of vision, resources for volunteers
38	Workshops	program / events, training at different locations, recruitment training, vestry training, continuing ed for clergy, Sunday school curriculum, on-line training, for special populations
35	Training	offer workshops, offer information, keep doing what you are doing, more, train for discipleship, workshop on discipleship, formal workshops, vestry training, treasurer workshop
18	Communicate	opportunities for dialogue, publicize different ministries, newsletter, example for others, a forum to connect, share best ideas, clearing house, celebrate with us

DEVELOPMENT	3B	<i>What changes does your church need to make in order to grow?</i>
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40	Youth / Young Families	different music for youth, more youth ministry, more families, infuse youth, get young families, help make it easier for families, reach out to college/high schoolers, snatch the teens, more focus on youth
32	Change / Let go of Past	get rid of sacred cows, change, let it die, new ideas, let go of past conflicts, change attitude to abundance rather than scarcity, get rid of group thinking, let go of old, get rid of "that's how it's done", convince older members to change, learn
26	New Attitude / Inviting / Newcomers	be more friendly, reach out, encourage involvement, work together, open church to secular events, newcomers ministry, invite visitors, create community
27	Visibility outside Church / Community Engagement	be visible in community, more community based events (vs. Parish based), reach out to comm., be intentional to be part of comm., (advertise, social media, etc), be willing to reach out, be recognized in comm.
24	Clergy / Leadership	move our part time clergy to full time, younger orientation, new priest to raise visibility, no more "my way only" leadership, share leadership responsibilities, need a deacon
22	Spiritual Development / Evangelism	do serious evangelism, be a Christian, add services, group bible studies after work hours, liberate the love, see ourselves as others see us, share, provide development opportunities
15	Outreach / Programs	more outreach, more events, reinstate successful activities, try something new, workshops on church growth, attention to pastoral care, do more, develop outreach programs,
9	Buildings / Space	add parish hall, Sunday school rooms, update physical facilities, less dependence on facilities, build a larger church, use our space better, clean up our facilities
5	More members / Volunteers	get more members, organize volunteers

DEVELOPMENT	3C	<i>If you could change one thing about how the diocese operates, what would it be and why?</i>	
28	Regionality	more cooperation regionally, more regional events, decentralize, be more receptive to eastern side, deanery development, be one body not isolated	
25	Appreciation	change is happening, no problem with dio, moving in the right direction, new attitude, positive changes, we love the changes, an increase in awareness, support, renewal of hope	
22	Programming	more regional opportunities, request for more training, teach churches to be tech savy, fundraising, link churches together, resoruces, regional support, education for new members, stewardship, lay leaders	
20	Other / Misc.	change convention, time to go to work, office be centrally located, how does the diocese work, not really sure, be visionary not an administrator, don't know.	
14	Resources / Support	keep Bishop healthy, be supportive, creative, provide a catalogue of services, more online resources, how diocese operates, on the right track	
13	Communication	increase, improve, website, more accesability, more social media, skype, less online communication, online forums.	
10	Canon / Transition	more support of seminarians, a priest in every church, hire full time canon, need canon, don't burnout,	
9	Community	be more involved, unite the diocese, one big church, more diversity, greater community.	