

1A. What characteristic, ministry service or event singularly distinguishes your church in your community

- ▶ Many specific examples of ministry beyond the walls of the church, specifically those involving feeding others. Interesting...given people of the table.
- ▶ Hospitality to others whether groups or individuals.....clear sense that our buildings are not only for worship.
- ▶ Sticking together through difficulty....perseverance....joy.
- ▶ Location that is an asset but possibly underutilized. Location matters.

1B. In what ways does your church offer the "abundant life" of Jesus to your community?

- ▶ Joy.
- ▶ Ministries of compassion.
- ▶ Welcoming: We yearn to welcome all people, especially our theology of the table.

1C. What is one thing you want the Bishop and his staff to do well?

- ▶ Resource development for small churches.
- ▶ Inspire us.
- ▶ Communication: On issues confronting us, ideas between us & resources beyond us.
- ▶ Be clear about priorities and goals.

2A. What is the single most important characteristic of a disciple of Jesus?

- ▶ Listening.
- ▶ Compassion: A genuine sacrificial regard for the 'other' and acting upon it.
- ▶ Evangelism/witnessing---how you act and what you say.
- ▶ “love thy neighbor as thyself”.
- ▶ Joy

2B. What are ways that your church is transforming people's lives?

- ▶ Outreach.
- ▶ Several examples of transformation...it is personal.
- ▶ Formation.
- ▶ Getting people involved.
- ▶ Being a safe haven.

2C. What are the most important things the Bishop and his staff can provide for you to equip you for ministry?

- ▶ Training and tools and programs for ways of doing ministries.
- ▶ Ongoing conversations and connections, specifically over best practices.
- ▶ Be the Compiler-in-chief.
- ▶ Networking about opportunities to serve.
- ▶ Encourage Shared Ministries between churches.

3A. In NO MORE THAN 25 words, write a purpose statement for the next three years in the life of your church.

- ▶ Be more evangelistic: know our story, don't be afraid to share the story and be ready to build disciples when they show up.
- ▶ Get out of church into the community.
- ▶ “Not about what we cannot do or don't do.....vs. go back to number 1 and consider how you might do that better or bigger.”

3B What changes does your church need to make in order to grow?

- ▶ Be willing to change. Do not be afraid.
- ▶ Let go of the past and how things used to be.
- ▶ Slaughter the sacred cows. i.e. LOCATION
- ▶ LOOK OUTWARD: Identify & fill the needs of the people in the community.
- ▶ LEADERSHIP: Consistent ongoing priestly leadership.

3C. If you could change one thing about how the diocese operates, what would it be and why?

- ▶ Staff person for church development.
- ▶ Regional opportunities.
- ▶ Involving more people---open system of leadership.
- ▶ Creativity in ideas.
- ▶ Transparency.