

Identifying Issues and Developing a Listening Process

What are the needs for leadership development which could help congregations to engage in vibrant, faith forming ministries of education in the church and community?

Story Telling (30 minutes)

Meet with two other persons.

Each person is invited to tell a story about an experience of a time when faith was growing for persons in the church.

As you think about what story to tell, consider the many ministries of the church – care giving and pastoral ministries; dealing with issues of church and society; growth in stewardship and giving; sexuality education; Bible study; worship; formal and informal times of learning; ministries with children, youth, younger adults, and adults; the outdoors; families.

- ! What happened during this faith forming time?
- ! Who were the people involved?
- ! What resources were helpful?
- ! How were people and the church changed in the process?

Identifying Leadership Needs (20 minutes)

As a group consider needs for leadership development for vibrant, faith forming ministries of education in the life of the church. Be prepared to report at up to three such needs when we reconvene for discussion.

Reports and Discussion (20 minutes)

Be sure to note the leadership needs you have discovered. We will have a brief time in plenary now to name some of these needs and issues and to identify any learnings we have had during this time of story telling and thinking together.

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