

Feedback Session

This section is a transcript of the notes taken and written on the newsprint at the conclusion of the World Café Annual Meeting.

1. Some things have been lost in the transition – Newcomer welcome and identification
2. Maintain what we had first and build on that
3. Getting to know each other – intergeneration events, parish unity, social events
4. We are welcoming and friendly but introverted and not pushy
5. We need to ASK people to get involved – we give and give but are reluctant to ask – more personal asks because emails and announcements don't always work
6. Mission trips – local and further afield/humanity based – start of Days of Service again
7. More community dinners and a community table
8. Each of us need to make a commitment to be involved in something – offer ourselves up more
9. Outreach is important
10. Need to address who/how to ask to volunteer
11. Directory/booklet with information
12. Job fair
13. communicating what is available
14. more clarity about which team is involved/responsible for what
15. Communication – both to community, other churches and organizations and each other
16. how to compete with all info – more discernment about interests for emails
17. connection between ministries is important
18. What do we really want? – back to commitment
19. Everyone should commit to service to the parish
20. Find out people's passions and connect them through them – perhaps using a similar world café style format
21. Announcements on Sundays are open to all parishioners
22. What does Christ Church stand for? – define this

Connect

This section is a transcript of the notes taken and written on the newsprint at the Connect tables during the Annual Meeting. They have been grouped into common themes.

1. What do we want to become?
 - a) Inspired on a spiritual level, to be here and only here
 - b) Parish that knows each other! More than just names...
 - c) Be present

2. What would it look like?
 - a) Driven by parishioners, good, deep, honest, candid

3. Ideas for Events/Dinner programs to bring the parish together
 - a) Friendly and inviting
 - b) Get together more
 - c) Connecting inside first...then spread into community (pebble in the pond)
 - d) Continue to provide opportunities to share
 - e) Connecting 8:00 and 10:30
 - f) Vary church service (8am vs 10:30am)
 - g) Opportunities to share with one another
 - h) Creating local spiritual groups based on proximity to location (e.g. Durham) (prayer)
 - i) Who lives near me? (need help making the connection)
 - j) Small group connections – foyer groups formerly
 - k) Foyer groups? – do they currently exist?
 - l) Foyer dinners - mixed ages, young families (consider scheduling)
 - m) Foyer groups return
 - n) Need someone to coordinate foyer dinners
 - o) Small groups
 - p) Foyer dinners – stopped when it dives families with/without kids
 - q) Small home groups – geographic groups, dinner + bible study
 - r) More adult formation dinners
 - s) Smaller activities Skiing Skating Bowling Square dance Meet and greet Bring a friend to events
 - t) Annual camp out, outside service
 - u) More parish supper-more food events
 - v) Talk night, square dances
 - w) Meeting at another setting for some psycho-educational events to invite community members
 - x) Scheduling things throughout the day
 - y) Meet and greet
 - z) Need to intermingle, don't just stick with friends

4. Gap between generations

- a) Huge gap between adults and youth – how to...more connecting like these groups today
- b) Youth-adult combo group?
- c) Intergenerational Sunday forums
- d) Theatre group-back - Multi-generational connections – (Our Town)
- e) Connect with young people
- f) Integration of aspect church
- g) Connect youth with adults
- h) More adult involvement with youth ministries
- i) More community
- j) Intergenerational forums

5. Children and Youth

- a) Youth is the future
- b) Youth plays
- c) Expand kid friendly
- d) Kids that want to be here
- e) Pastoral care includes younger volunteers – vary the schedule
- f) Find ways to connect with college/career group
- g) The musical/Youth Theatre – also under intergenerational events
- h) Presence at the local schools/colleges

6. Learning from and through other organizations

- a) What can we learn that has worked at other parishes? (Dinners?)
- b) SFP, We the People – connect through groups that already exist
- c) Connect with other parishes

7. Service is important in connecting

- a) Defining 'how we serve' created connecting automatically
- b) Provide various ministry needs
- c) Provide opportunity to service
- d) Day of Service (more than just 1 day a year)
- e) Common service/service project maybe quarterly
- f) Connect in the community, day of service was very well received
- g) Work days
- h) 1 service (montly), brings more people together
- i) Day of service, more community involvement
- j) More integrated in community
- k) Connecting with community
- l) Local outreach
- m) Mission trips
- n) Adult mission trips
- o) Summer mission trips
- p) More group projects

- q) Hospitality ministries (community)
- r) Rummage Sale – welcome vols
- s) Big project...thanksgiving dinner
- t) Clearing house for community project
- u) Outreach to P.E.A
- v) Interfaith/community together
- w) Fall and spring cleanups
- x) Church clean-up
- y) Encourage stewardship

8. Communications and Public Relations

- a) What one thing do we all agree on? How do we project ourselves publicly? (Public Relations) The outcome we want is: to get something from a religious experience
- b) How to communicate with media bombardment?
- c) Technologically – systematically – boots on the ground
- d) More PR
- e) Announcements in worship – re activities of whole church
- f) Better communication
- g) Communication be more personal...ministry leaders approach people other than email/text
- h) Weekly emails-reg. communication

9. Focus on Newcomers

- a) Newcomer's Group (ministry) – new person not feeling connected yet
- b) We need to seek out the NEW people (it took 8 months for a parishioner to come up to me and introduce themselves to me) (introverted parish)
- c) Section in bulletin for Newcomers – opportunities to connect
- d) Someone at each service to identify and introduce self to newcomers
- e) Newcomers welcome dinners and 'infrequent flyers'
- f) New members welcome baskets, provide a list of ministries/programs
- g) Do a better job welcoming new-comers

10. Asking and encouraging involvement and ideas

- a) If someone asks – we could get more involved
- b) People are welcoming and friendly but not pushy
- c) How do we get people to be proactive?
- d) Encourage people to bring new ideas

11. Education Opportunities

- a) Bible study
- b) Book study
- c) Forum – format to connect over important issues
- d) Forums/presentations more career age appropriate
- e) Forum

- f) More 'face to face' at forums (more than just own table) – mixing the whole group
- g) Creating a 'how to create leaders'

12. Adult and Senior Community

- a) Adult senior care
- b) Middle age and senior programs

13. Connection Ministries

- a) Understanding ALL ministries, some people just don't know
- b) Create database to collect talents

14. Worship/Services

- a) Create another service
- b) Shorter services
- c) Having a combined service more than just 1 time
- d) Go back to 1 service – starting at 9:30 – compromise quarterly/5th Sunday
- e) Maybe 1 summer service
- f) Extend the peace (within service) must move and chat...Give people permission to...uncomfortable

15. Miscellaneous

- a) Keep track of attendance to reach out
- b) With all of our recent changes...we need to maintain what we had before we loose it, then grow it
- c) Families evolving, moving away

Serve

This section is a transcript of the notes taken and written on the newsprint at the Serve tables during the Annual Meeting. They have been grouped into common themes.

Needs to be Gospel based and driven by service needs

1. Identifying and clarifying what we already do

- a) do a lot already
- b) how many organizations do we serve??
- c) List of all outreach programs in CC available
- d) Job fair with outreach lists
- e) Do people KNOW what we do as far as outreach

2. Communication and Public Relations

- a) Communication with asking for help – More P.R.
- b) COMMUNICATION
- c) Include entire church in the on going service, keep people connected
- d) Have to know about why people come to CC. what is that THING we are known for
- e) Church needs identity for who we are and work with other churches (We the People)
- f) Focused outreach, what does CC do in the community's eyes?
- g) Communication!!!
- h) Pull all parts together – statement as a church

3. Education and Research

- a) Where are the needs-where do they need to be met
- b) Discover what is needed in community
- c) Identify a variety of service opportunities
- d) Education
- e) Be better informed

4. Need for partnerships

- a) Coordinate partnerships to enhance service
- b) Linking other youth with other churches (critical mass and extra energy)
- c) Companion diocese? Portalup family had one in OH
- d) Church needs identity for who we are and work with other churches (We the People)
- e) Work with other churches and organizations to participate

5. Ideas for Outreach

- a) Outreach increase
- b) More needed IE Thanksgiving dinner
- c) Assist with transportation
- d) National and international service – identity needs
- e) Key Hole Garden

- f) Local community needs lots of support – soup kitchen?, IHN, Elderly population, hours of hunger
- g) Environmental standards, food/education (reading with children)
- h) Inviting homeless families- SFP At church's level
- i) Local community w/ AA & continue
- j) Pastoral care people needed
- k) Hunger task force – food pantry, public housing E.P.P.N.org – Bread for the World – Corrine Languedoc
- l) Habitat for humanity, find existing property
- m) Identify one major project that the entire church can do
- n) Trip to Cuba or countries around the world
- o) Parish dinners for community
- p) More organized opportunities to donate
 1. Shoeboxes
 2. Christmas
 3. Thanksgiving
 4. Food drives
 5. Canned drives
- q) Outside this building
- r) Local service area in seacoast
- s) Thanksgiving, IHN
- t) Community Table, feeding outside our church
- u) SFP needs more overnight hosts
- v) Food pantry efforts besides providing food
- w) Food pantry – more service from CC
- x) Outreach – habitat for humanity (work with other churches), skill and money, many hands make light work, \$\$ and Skill

6. Serve within Church, then move further field

- a) Serve within the church
- b) Serve the church Start serving in church, our faith community
- c) Church to community
- d) Focus on our own community then move further out
- e) Charity begins at home and go from there to larger community and provide service there
- f) Serve community – world

7. Youth

- a) Community to youth
- b) Youth group involvement
- c) build stronger youth (lost EfM), adult too
- d) Connect youth and adult outside the church to help local communities
- e) Youth theatre – bring people from the outside in
- f) Youth more community serve, We the Youth

- g) Youth and Adults Mix
- h) Youth and adults work auction of services

8. Mission Trips

- a) Summer missions
- b) Parish-wide mission trips with youth and adults
- c) Mission Trips, local and extended days
- d) Mission in USA

9. Day of Service

- a) Day of Service – mix groups of all ages more than 1 day
- b) Day of Service: multiple ways to volunteer, from a few years ago
- c) One day of service – gave identity
- d) Day of Service – multigenerational and local

10. Committing

- a) Everyone needs to commit to some act of service
- b) If you're a member of this church you should be a part of a ministry within the church – a commitment

11. Miscellaneous

- a) What happened to the 'blue' boxes
- b) Find out how people reflect and participate in parish life and what their gifts are Find ways to serve using variety of techniques
- c) Hard line to walk between 'bragging' about what they do vs keeping quiet
- d) Ask a friend to participate – older and younger adding sense of community
- e) Taking stand on certain politics
- f) Connect to serve, connect with communities

LIVE

This section is a transcript of the notes taken and written on the newsprint at the Live tables during the Annual Meeting. They have been grouped into common themes.

1. In General

- a) Connect with God and manifest his will in the world (church or non-church, eg coaching, teaching, visiting neighbors)
- b) Live is connected to 'Connect' and 'Serve'
- c) We live in faith by connecting and serving

2. Hospitality and Diversity

- a) Accepting diverse backgrounds
- b) Open to members in diverse religious communication
- c) Hospitality
- d) Open invitation to friends, etc
- e) We are not all Episcopalian but we can/do worship together
- f) Welcome and invite others
- g) Communicate
- h) Reach out to community

3. Prayer

- a) Prayer Living the Gospel in daily routine
- b) Saying 'grace' at each meal
- c) Prayer – involvement, groups

4. Everyday life

- a) Following the Gospel
- b) Live in faith wherever we are
- c) Walking the talk
- d) Incorporate church 'life' into everyday
- e) Message by walking not so much talking
- f) Fit into busy lives – make it fit and be flexible to different schedules and locations
- g) Daily living
- h) Own our faith
- i) Nurture one another
- j) Stay centered in Gospel and Jesus' teaching
- k) Diversity of opportunities to live you faith

5. Education and Formation

- a) Learning & education for all
- b) Need a base of knowledge, tools, thorough formation, bible study
- c) Education
- d) Personal faith instruction/education

- e) Study/prayer/sharing
- f) Periodic study groups for adults
- g) Focus on scripture/study to grow in faith
- h) Spiritual support groups!
- i) EfM
- j) Adult education (EfM 'lite')
- k) Adult Bible study
- l) Bible study
- m) Bible study for moms & kids
- n) Education – Bible study
- o) Forums, especially – more faith related topics
- p) Forum sharing religious experiences
- q) Strengthen our own spirituality
- r) Individually creating 'map' or plan for our growth
- s) Confirmation should be more intense – maybe later and longer
- t) Connect adults to Sunday school curriculum
- u) Understand other religions
- v) Atrium – meditation and reflection
- w) Smaller groups
- x) Dealing with doubt – forums and opportunities to explore and grow
- y) Room for doubt and questioning

6. Communicating our Faith

- a) Communicating our faith
- b) Difficult for youth to express faith- adults & other youth could help youth identify explain and apply faith

7. Service

- a) More volunteering
- b) More opportunities
 - 1. Small groups
- c) Job fair of services within church
- d) Promote our offerings of faith to each other and the community
- e) Take our lamps from under the bushel and share what we do
- f) Step-up – offer our gifts
- g) Carrying ministry to jobs, etc
- h) Mission trip formation and doing
- i) Different service
- j) Live connected to 'serve'

8. Youth

- a) Youth group Sunday night gathering – especially doing compline
- b) 4,5,6 grades
- c) Focus on programs on youth challenges and support

d) Active youth program

9. Music

- a) Faith band, Parish band
- b) Liven up music offering

10. Miscellaneous

- a) Know each other by name
- b) Progressive dinner group/foyer
- c) Try different things – trial period to see if it might be a good fit
- d) Free open to public (like seniors), activity groups (bingo or game, water color, lunch, etc) for lonely or unconnected people
- e) Visiting and communion
- f) Faith is a living growing thing
- g) Need to know strength
- h) Setting goals for self
- i) Change slowly
- j) Inspiring and endorsing and supporting is part of church's role (sometimes a conflict, eg coaching Sunday am)
- k) Strong lay involvement

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