

Bringing it Full Circle

Affirmation of shared struggle appreciated during the annual event.

Friday's workshop Christian Education in Post Pandemic: of three video clips, blizzard, winter day, and Ice Age (movie) melting glaciers. Which do you think we are in? Season? ice age? Remember there are those who think you are in other stages and they are all reacting in different ways.

Spirituality in the third 30 workshop highly recommended.

Preacher then followed by reflection on the preaching very helpful, new insights appreciated and powerful. What if we did that in church? Maybe as a faith formation option for reflection or youth group luncheon to follow up on thoughts. Or reverse and have preacher meet with group that reflects on the scripture and preacher takes notes from the group thoughts. Including thoughts of children in the message. Having youth give five words (can be anything) to preacher and pastor will use at some point in the sermon. Stimulates interest.

That all spiritual leaders have a word to offer to sustain the community. Maybe incorporate into leadership training. Lovingly remind them that they are living words, they are the called in Christ to be lights of Christ. Maybe use on transfiguration Sunday.

What risks are we willing to take? New discernment. What risks is God asking us to take?

Political rifts within the congregation shown anew from pandemic strains, especially masks. Trying to work through the differences and find a compromise.

Yes. God loves you and.. Rather than God loves you, but don't... Positives taught along with texts about love and staying in love with God.

Demographics can cause despair, but what do we have through the hope of Christ seeing beyond the physical, to what is possible with our gifts and what we bring?

Letting hope define our reality... connections to Transfiguration and seeing anew. What are our people seeing right now? We are all wearing different glasses.

Would love to have coaches with What's Next? Post event as part of APCE so you have concrete ideas to follow up on afterwards. Others to help you make a plan. Planned pauses for reflection and sharing worked into the schedule of the annual event.

Appreciated the roundtable to reflect on the annual event soon after to revisit the "mountain top" while in the valley again.

Maybe switch up the times that we host roundtables to make it more accessible to parents that are always picking up kids around 3pm EST?