

## Constant Contact Survey Results

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### 1. What is the most important piece of information you took away from the conference? - Responses Answer

The need to shift from program development to people development.

The importance of an active internal and external ministry in all churches.

In terms of information, I don't know that there was anything new that he said that is not "common knowledge" in most of the Emergent Church material. But, what he did was to communicate it effectively - very effectively. He is an excellent speaker and was able to maintain the attention of everybody in the room.

I'm glad that DVD's were made of the presentations, because they may prove to be more valuable in the long run than the seminar itself, which by definition is usually limited to those who already know and/or don't need to be motivated. I would hope that every church in the diocese would get one and make it available for vestrys to see and to be used in adult SS classes.

We're counting the wrong things. A mission oriented church is less concerned with butts in the pew and more concerned with how many we clothed, fed, sheltered.

We need to think differently about how to be the church.

Ideas to do in my community

That we should serve our community not our church members. Looking outward and how we can make a difference in our community by helping in the schools, thanking public servants, etc. Also asking people how we can ask God to bless them.

We are going to have to serve our way back into the hearts of our mission field.

How to look at people as Jesus sees them.

Church is a verb.

That being a missional church is critical in meeting the spiritual needs of others.

That we are Blessed people and we should go out and share the blessing with all day long where ever we are.

"Be the church, don't just do church."

The understanding of the difference between a missional church and a consumerist church. And ideas on how we can move forward to be more of a missional church.

The existing Church model does not work in today's world. We must change the way we do things or the church as we know it will become irrelevant.

Not too much since I left after the first break since I could not hear anything. The acoustics were bad and I am hard of hearing, seats were very uncomfortable and I was freezing.

It's really too bad because I had never been to anything like that and everyone had convinced me to attend since everyone enjoyed last year's. Sorry, but I just thought the whole thing was very uncomfortable.

The good thing was that I thought kids activities were great.

We must develop people over programs. Discipleship is paramount.

Regretably, I had serious problems Hearing the Speaker ( Had to leave at Noon)and did not participate in the Discussion during the Lunch Hour, nor hear the Afternoon speaker.

Asking people what they need; not telling them what we're going to do for them was very important to hear.

Take your parish outside the walls of your church! Meet God where God is.

the church must change the way it defines itself and what it does to maintain relevance.

We need to be more like how the "church" was when it started - we have become too much about Sunday.

God likes to show up and show off! Seriously, the important message is that we need to take church, us, everywhere and witness wherever we are. Look for new ways to serve Christ outside our church walls and by way of example introduce others to Christ's message and through that to a relationship with him.

	One must be aware of the need to "be" a church and find ways to bring others to Christ. An open mind to the possibilities of how God is calling us to respond to the needs of others is paramount. I find that it is very much the same in the Cursillo movement to "make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ."
	I learned that Church takes on a whole new meaning when you stop worrying about Sunday attendance and focus on being the church outside the walls.
	The emphasis of a church not having a mission ...but a mission haveing a church. I believe that if we all began to think and believe that way all of our missions in DWTX would become stronger with more committed "goers" and "senders", and perhaps more churches would unite together to bring about the unity,
	That we need to take church where the people need it.
	You have to take the church to the people. We need to be a "blessing" church
	Affirmation that the leadership team and I are on the right track in our current thinking about the congregation. And a opportunity to bring this conversation into a wider section of people.
	That WE are the church. We meet on Sunday to be blessed in order that we may go out into the world to be a blessing to those we meet
	That the church should be directed outside the traditional church to the missional church focusing on Kingdom missions.
	I was reminded that "the church" is not bricks and mortar nor is it just people being called. Instead it is the building from which the people are partnered with Jesus and sent out into the world. "The church" is not the destination, but the connection where the people meet Jesus. Faith is believing God, not believing in God. Therefore we are the people of the blessing. Part of our calling is to reach beyond our little group and into the wider community.
	Looking outside the church to the community.
	That we, as a diocese, are looking at 'church' as something other then a building. That to reach others we must go out among them; we must live life as Christ-like as we can. Live our faith boldly.
	A church wanting to grow needs to think out of the box and serve outside its four walls.
	Being a mission congregation directly involved within the community.
	Focusing on the whole church....in and outside the door.
	By becoming a Missional Church, a Blessing People, there may be some hope for the followers of Jesus who are living through the demise of the Institutional Church.
	missional church concept
	When we were told to ask someone if we could pray for them. Also, we as a congregation spend too much time wondering how we can grow our church instead of doing ministry to our local schools. So the ideas that were shared were very beneficial.
	That the meetings at church are only a partical of our relationship with God. Our practice of religion has to be everyday to everbody and that is more important than the meeting we prescribe at church.
	The metaphor that church is like an airport ie it is a place through which one passes from one place on the way to another...for a PURPOSE.
	A Missional Church is typified buy simply asking God show up specifically and generally then watching Him show off.
	It was a total shift in my thinking of what we should be about in the church - a positive shift.
	The church is not a place just to be, it is a place from which we are sent out to spread the good news of Jesus to every one we meet.
	That we are truly being called to be missional in our personal lives and the lives of the church .... that the church should NOT be doing business as we always have
	That being church means that you are active in the transformation of the world.
	Encouraged me to be a better witness in my own personal life.
	My personal call to be Christ's hands outside of church
	I thought the dominant theme for the conference is that church members need to take the message from church on Sunday back into the work place, home, wherever they have contact with people. As our rector, Ram Lopez says after church , "the worship is over, the service begins!" This makes the point beautifully. Loving thy neighbor means helping them in any way they might need. This would be taking the church to the world as Jesus told us to do. There were several other key messages, but this one really stuck with me.
	That it seems our diocese (not just a few individuals) is excited about "being" the church and not simply "Doing church better".
	To focus on Jesus and to be a blessing.

	Get your church outside its walls.
	What's really important to the life of our Church is not how many people we have in the pews each Sunday morning, but how and what our Congregation does to serve the community outside of our Church building between Sundays. The true value of our Church is judged by not what we do for ourselves, but what we do for others outside our Parish.
	So many. I guess in the following order: God is building His kingdom, not building His church. Go First. Ask others how God can bless them. We are the people of God partnering with Him on His mission to redeem the world through His word.
	The best information I received is that the best way to grow the church is to stop trying to grow the church directly, and instead focus on the mission of the church, which is to give blessings to others in society. That could be as a result of conversation and prayer, but also needs to be though lots of other specific ways we can help. Secondly, the way that we do that best will be when we have the opportunity to go beyond quick encounters and begin to form friendships where others can see we care about them and care about helping those in need.
	Christianity is in the community not the church Church is not confined to our walls.
	The ideas of the church reaching out beyond the idea of "getting folks into church" and just spreading the word of Christ through actions and not worrying about "how many will come to our church".
	The true meaning of Church To be the church, not just go to church. To show off God wherever we are.
	We need to focus more of our efforts on spreading the BLESSINGS we have received from God to the people in our community.
	The focus of our ministry efforts should be outside of our own fellowship. The most important thing about being the church is being the church in the world.....doing the ministry of christ.
	I feel I need to refocus from doing church to being church and need to look for opportunities to minister in both traditional and novel ways.
	That the Church is people, not an institution. This made me view the whole Anglican Covenant debate in a new light.
	God will work His plan...We can choose to join the mission of being a blessing to all God's people and experience great joy. Many people are coming to Christ in this manner to just being present for those that we encounter. Christianity is not dying but the church proper is. To share our prayers with everyone we meet, not just other church members. The need for us to put our faith to work for others.
	Identifying the characteristics of a missional church. Changing ones behavior to think externally and not internally. The importance of humor to assist in retaining information. Recognizing blessings in lieu of prayer at times.
	The description of how the church is changing and we need to find new way of being the church. Ttime for the diocese to get on with the mission of the world and not our own parochial projects. The speaker was fantastic - Offering blessing to others
	I think our Diocese is one of the few who put something like this together to address the decline in our churches. It wads heart warming to see over 400 people in our Diocese who thought is was important enough spend a whole day on a Saturday and attened.
	In order to grow today's Episcopal Church we need to go to the people we're trying to reach; a missional approach to reaching the unchurched. We cannot expect people to just come to church and fill the pews. Being church!
	That we need to take a look at how we do "church" and not keep doing it like we always have. We need to get outside of our walls and embrace people where they are. I thought this was an outstanding day. I have never learned so much while laughing till the tears rolled down my face. Many thanks for offering this to us.
	To me, it was a recognition that those who attended from ST. Thomas, San Antonio, really understood "missional" and want to do something about it.

Internal vs external focus...consumerism versus mission.
The Church is NOT the building. Jesus expects us to BE the church wherever we are. Asking God to bless someone could open the door for that person to see Jesus.
The question "how can I ask God to bless you today?" I always want to talk to people about the Lord but can never break the ice. This is something I am already using and loving.
Ideas of how I can bless others in my daily life.
Christ intended us to be active outside the church, involved with spreading the beauty of the Kingdom, rather than being captive to programs. What others see is a beacon to what they may want for themselves or not.
I worked the conference. I heard some, but not enough to form an opinion. However, everyone that went has told me how wonderful it was.
Some of Reggie's one-liners.  "Church as a verb" "The church doesn't have a mission, the mission has a church" "Go bless 3 people"  And my favorite, "God loves to show up and show off"
I think that the most important piece of information was that, as a group, we are not reaching out to the people in our community.
"How can I ask God to bless you today?" To do this whenever the opportunity is there!
The importance of taking action outside of the church building.
other people know more than me.

### 3. If yes to #2 above, what did you share? - Responses

#### Answer

The terrific ideas of the speaker.

We purchased 4 DVD's to share with others. We plan on using one of them as a discussion starter for a small group that we will convene at our home as soon as they are issued. We are mailing the other 3 to friends (only one of whom is an Episcopalian), who will probably use them in the same way as we intend to do.

See #1

Asking to bless someone with God's blessing.

My notes from conference with church family.

I shared the same things I listed in answer 1

Vision for adopting a school

Planning with the Vestry to put 2 different ideas in place. 1) The \$1 per person and 2) To spend 1 hour as a vestry in a busy place praying to see people as Jesus sees them and then report back to each other.

That is may look radical, but can be implemented in a way that is acceptable by all. He made some generalizations that are just that, and don't require any agreement. There are just generalizations!

Promise to share my copy of the DVD which I ordered. Discussed points made at our church's Long Range Planning Committee meeting.

1. The Blessings of others and asking how can you ask God to bless them.

2. Ask others to join in our projects work not ask them to come to church.

What a wonderful conference it was and that the DVD should be presented to the parish and made available to other denominations as an ecumenical opportunity.

The values of the missional church and what we are currently doing in our own church to be this type of church.

Praying for service folks at mealtime.

I preached on the conference the next day to over 350 folks.

The concept I mentioned in #1. I've also started to extend blessings to people when I'm out and about. And, we are having a Debrief tomorrow night at church to kind of see where we are with all this information. I'm looking forward to it.

We took it back to our first Vestry meeting after the event and gave a re-cap of what was covered. We then asked the leaders at the table how we could implement some of what he covered.

comments in #1

Facebook postings about how God in Christ is working in our lives. Still haven't tried the blessing at restaurants yet but will when we go out.

At our vestry meeting, those of us who attended shared many examples of how individuals and churches are becoming a "verb" church. We already are very active in being a church, but we will be exploring more ideas. I also shared the concept with the individual who cuts my hair who is also a Christian.

I shared a lot! mostly about "being the church". Because I'm a church secretary for a methodist church, I talked to the pastor and others there, I also talked with folks in my own parish, St. Francis Episcopal. I talked to my family, my best friend, and friends.

I think I've shared a lot, but my above statement impressed me the most and generated the most enlightening response from those with whom I shared.

We shared that church needs to go where the people are and that people are waiting to have the same joy and peace that are given to us by God. We shared how easy it is to show your Christianity and to share it with others.

How to contact people at coffee shops, gyms etc.

The need to ask people, wait staff, how you can bless them.

During the sermon the next day, I shared quotes and reflections from my raw notes. I also invited participants to stand and encouraged others to approach them and ask questions.

#1

I briefly summerized what I could remember of the key points Reggie McNeal covered during his presentation. Focusing on church members blessing all those in the Kingdom and the missional church's providing community service and ministry away from the church facility to where the people live, work and recreate.

<p>I discussed the conference with several friends, commenting on Mr McNeal's book, what it meant to be a missional church and his clever ideas on how to become a missional church.</p> <p>Tonight I attended a "debriefing" meeting at St. George's where we discussed what it meant to be a missional church. We had three questions to discuss (1) How we thought differently about Church. (2) What we must do in order for St. George to become a missional church.(3) What specific ideas did we have in order to accomplish this.</p>
<p>A review of the conference was given by Liz Miller (my co-attendee) and I supported her very fine report. This was given to the Women's group monthly dinner at St. James, Del Rio.</p>
<p>Pretty much as I answered question one. Also, suggesting we try "How can I ask God to bless you?" when we are out in public.</p>
<p>I shared the thoughts stated above, comparing info from the conference with what we're doing and are able to do given our present size. I learned that our vicar has studied with Reggie Neal and realized that he is already working along those lines.</p>
<p>Congregation size is not as important as developing and living into a mission vision for the parish.</p>
<p>With members of the church that were unable to attend the workshop. Offering the book Reggie published. etc.</p>
<p>The refreshing joy and promise in opening up to the needs of the world and not be overwhelmed by the needs of a dying form of ministry and service.</p>
<p>the move to a missional church is CRITICAL</p>
<p>That our meetings at church are only for us to share our relationship with God, and that we need to revitalize our character with each other to go out into the world to proclaim our relationship and to encourage others to know about God and his world. We need to bless everyone we know and see.</p>
<p>Honestly, how entertaining the speaker was.</p>
<p>Answer to question 1</p>
<p>My colleagues are probably sick of hearing me tell them about what I learned.</p>
<p>That Jesus loves us and died for our sins so that we can be reconciled to God.</p>
<p>We have shared thoughts on what we should be doing as a church</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That I disagreed with almost everything Reggie said, I agreed with his bottom line.</li> <li>2. that I am tired of hearing speakers on Evangelism and Mission doing so solely from the theological perspective of Evangelical Christianity and ecclesiology and without any cultural and anthropological framework and grounding.</li> <li>3. That the presentation fed our societal need to be entertained more than it provided any real substance.</li> </ol>
<p>I have told a few people about the mental health ministry at St. George and how it has helped several people, most of them from outside the parish. They have been so appreciative of the help we have been able to give, I feel we are making some progress in what we are trying to do.</p> <p>I feel this is my main mission in life, helping those with mental illness and their families, having had the experience of this dreadful illness in two of my family members. I am sorry more parishioners will not share their needs as readily as people "I don't know." This is stigma pure and simple.</p>
<p>I have shared a summary of the day with my whole parish.</p>
<p>How wonderful it was to have 18 parishioners with me who got excited about what they heard. How wonderful and engaging a speaker Reggie is.</p>
<p>I've talked with many about what a delightful speaker Reggie McNeal is and have talked to many about his concepts. I also bought one of his books to read and follow up.</p>
<p>Our focus as a Parish should be to serve our community.</p> <p>In doing this, our Parish will be strengthened.</p>
<p>God blesses us to be a blessing to others. Even my unchurched family members react well to that.</p>
<p>Some of the items in the answer to question 1, but also the several ways we can influence a piece of other people's social environments, by living within it. Also, I am preparing a short summary to be included in our monthly newsletter.</p>
<p>Ideas of how to move my Christianity into the community</p>
<p>The idea stated in #1. Plus, I have purchased a copy of the DVD and plan on showing it to all who are interested in our congregation but were unable to attend the conference.</p>
<p>Church members</p>
<p>That the speaker was good and that his first speech was basically on the internet. I had watched it before I came to the conference.</p>

	That we needed to have a Wednesday night program (we have none now) after our dinner at church with the community leaders telling us what is going on outside and the needs of Kerr County so that we can be better informed and make better use of our outreach.
	Sue and i had a meeting with our Outreach Chair and his wife to begin to strategize how we can live out much of what Reggie's encouraged us to do. i have told others who were not in attendance how Reggie's approach would empower thier ministry. i need to get DVDs and send to them.
	My wife and other church members
	That missions have churches and not the reverse! That we need to rethink our views on outreach and what that means to us as a Christian community.
	I shared #1 and also that the church is like an airport that we need to connect to often. We don't stay in the airport forever or live at the church but go out from the church as the church. I am the church
	I talked to people at work about how knowing Jesus could change their lives. I offered to pray for them.
	Basic ideas of service and how we might implement suggestions and acknowledge that we are already doing some things for the wider community.
	I shared the importance of thinking externally rather than internally.
	The message above.
	Offered to bless others when we went out to eat.
	Basically some of the content of Bishop Gary's talk and our guest speaker, Reggie McNeal's fantastic talks. He emphasised on several points; leaders need to shift from being isntitutional manager to leaders of mission. Every limitation to my going missional is my call, go first, face the fear, don't count the critics, weigh them (in other words don't worry about your critics just keep ,moving forward. Move from internal to external focus, move from program driven to people development. It is much more fun to BE the church than to DO church.
	My response to Question #1
	How we can use this message in our church.
	Mostly how worth while it was. I ordered the tape and have offered it to my church for the Vestry and adult Christian Ed.
	I shaared my personal interest in becoming more "missional" with others in our congregation and our Pastor Chuch Woehler, each having indicated an interest in becoming a more "missional" church
	Article in our parish newsletter, and discussion at Vestry
	The concept of the missional church.
	the above and being the church outside the building and not only in the body but as an individual
	See #1
	Sharing a blessing with those we come in contact with. Great reaction.
	They basically shared with me and I confirmed how good it was.
	Facebook friends
	I shared the ideas that were presented on just how we can put our faith out to the neighborhood.
	Shared how we can ask folks if they want us to pray with/for them, asking God to bless them.
	The idea of actions outside the church building, of speaking up to others we meet casually.
	I (we) need to think differently about educating christians in church and not be condemning of those who don't attend regular, and not feel guildty for being absent from time to time.

## 5. If yes to #4 above, what are you doing differently? - Responses

### Answer

Looking at grace.

Asking "How can I ask God to bless you?" It has been well received.

Contacted Portland Fire Chief and Police Chief and asked how the Daughtwrs of the King @ St Chistopher's can ask God to bless them.

I got the message too late to use it on our waiter when we ate out recently. But, I did think of it and will try again next time. My friend in Ohio thought that was a great idea and is going to do it.

We are talking with an elementary school about how we can serve them.

When life begins to become overwhelming or I am dealing with someone who is frustrating me, I ask Jesus to let me see them through His eyes.

Asking God's blessings for people I meet and chat with.

Blessing our waiters where we meet every Tuesday morning.

yes, I have asked someone How can I/we (a Cursillo group reunion)ask God to bless them today. Not easy to do and not something I'd have ever done before the conference.

n/a

I immediately approached a public school principal in Kyle, TX and asked if our parish could sponsor his school. He was delighted.

I have started to ask that question - successfully, so far. It has added a lot to my life as I feel I'm giving more to other people than ever before.

I have asked the question and continue to look for where God is calling me.

at this point, I'm thinking more about what we learned in the conference and how I might be more mission focused, so nothing concrete yet.

Im more generous in asking for blessings for others. i also have found myself blessing people as i watch them return to their pews from communion. It helps to keep me centered and makes me feel closer to those I do know and wanting to get those I don't know at all or well.

I am being more alert to those around me and noticing that they could use a blessing. "You look tired, how can God bless you?" It comes easy

I can't get the nerve up to ask even though I have good intensions.

Asked servers in restaurants near to church how I can bless them. I am also stressing the blessings in my and others lives.

I am coming to see that those people we see are not coincidental meetings and am responding to those meetings (people)

I am St. John's Episcopal Church's new outreach coordinator. I want to get the church much more involved in community outreach in the areas most needed by our community.

Although I answered NO to #4, we were charged to pray continuously and to contact those members of our group who were not there tonight. I am not doing anything differently,yet.

Ironically, the day after the conference, after church I went to Walmart and one of the cashiers (a Catholic) approached me and asked me to pray for her. I am not doing anything differently probably because I feel so connected to the Lord and his healing mission.

I'm going out of my comfort zone and living my faith more boldly.

I am already involved in mission work within my community.

I am more conscious to those around me...especially in public places not just the church!!!! The person I approached with how can I ask God to bless you responded with greatfulness aas he was in a desparate need...and was so in awe that a stranger would offer to ask God a blessing for him!!!

Paying more attention to the needs of my community and seeking ways to respond.

blesing lunch @ a nursing home , thinking about other opps

Due to conflicts at church, I have been praying to God for a sign and I have given up preparing the bulletins. This Sunday will be the last bulletin I will prepare for the church.

We can not distinguish who we are to bless and who were are to leave alone. Everybody in our world are to be blessed and to be shown the way to living what Jesus described for us. We want to judge what other people are; God said that everyone is to be known by him and we cannot leave certain people out.

More than doing things differently, I am realizing that the things I am already doing fit into this model...with a little tweaking.

God is allowing me to be exposed to more challenges expanding my Faith an Dependence on Him.

As a hospital chaplain, it is my everyday work to bless people. Now I do it intentionally.

I am more aware of everyone I meet. I want to interact with people more.

Not yet ... I wanted to on a couple of occassions but didn't get the time

We're aggressively and creatively taking the church into the world. We are taxed to the limit of our financial and volunteer capital, so aren't taking anything more on.
Encouraging everyone in a new way to consider what it looks like to "be the church" 7 days a week.
Asking people how I can ask God to bless them. Preaching about following Jesus and building the Kingdom as opposed to converting people to Christianity and filling the pews.
I am in a process of discernment. We have several projects at our church that are "outside the walls". We are reviewing those projects to determine how effective they are, how they may be more effective and how they may be expanded to better meet the needs of our community. I have also asked a few people how I could ask God to bless them.
Trying to change the value I place on serving community oppose to the value I place on filling the pews each Sunday.
I always listen for God's voice and direction. Many times I question what it is I think I am hearing but when it lines up with the will of God, I step out in faith. Sometimes the most amazing things happen. "Differently" I am looking to ask God to bless more often the people who have lost their faith or are in distress. I try to thank God for His gifts and blessings in a number equal or that exceeds the number of requests that I make.
I'm struggling over that particular question. Somehow it doesn't feel right. I think the problem is I know many prayers won't be answered as we wish, so I'm afraid of getting others' hopes up. Yet I'm convinced sometimes He does. The other thing I have done is talk about how the obstacle I saw to doing some of this in a particular environment in past years, was actually not what my priest said it was, but was our former priest himself. Others besides me had asked him to get us involved, and apparently he didn't want to. What I know from previous study of helping less fortunate people is it takes a group of Christians to work with one family over an extended period of time, with help for the group that is available from both the secular and religious authorities, to make a significant difference in one families' lives. But I have seen that that is what many need, and if we offer, they will accept.
Listening for opportunities to ask God's blessing on people.
I try and ask 3 people each day, that I do not know, if I can ask God to bless them.
I have tried to focus my attention on actions that reveal Christ's love in the community and not worry about our church attendance. Also, we (our congregation) will look at ministries we can participate in outside the church that will spread God's word.
being more aware of people that surround me
I think that asking God to bless other people is a good start. But I also wonder if, when, and what God might be asking us to DO in order to help one another. I have been trying to DO more.
Being more out in the community and reestablishing old ties with agency people where God is working hard every day.
i spent the past four days in Chicago. We walked the streets a lot. I began to look at people and asked God to hlep me see what he sees. There is a lot of sadness and brokenness in this world. Now the plan is to get our people to begin to do that in New Braunfels. Look at people with the Eyes of God.
Actively seeking opportunities to serve.
Praying with an "other" orientation. Thinking less about the Church as institution.
Being more conscience of those I can ask if I can pray for them to be blessed by God.
Being more open toward others, and communicating directly to them.
Blessing friends and associates.
Nothing yet...still getting up my courage to do what I know I need to do.
Asking God to let me see what God sees.
I must say I have not used those specific words, but I find I am deliberately taking more time with those I am having casual contact with. Thanks for reminding me!
I am more in tune to hearing lthe needs of others outside of our parish. Its amazing how important the words "God bless you" have become. I hear it now more often than before and am pleased to bless others when I can.
Still feeling chicken about the meal question.
Making an effort to see what Jesus sees and do what He does.
talking to people succeeded in getting a lady back to the church house after 20 years. Making a friend of her {dog sitting 7 dogs as we speak }
I plan to though - just haven't had the opportunity.
Actively spreading the Good News of the Kingdom through the Healing Ministry. Proclaiming the Kingdom and teaching others (incl self) about not dwelling in introspection as that takes a persona mind off of Christ.

	Felt God telling me to "be still and know he was there"
	I am a hospice chaplain/social worker and I am trying to listen more closely to the needs of my patients and families, and to pray for them, either there - if they are open - or later. My job is not to convert people before they die, but I try to see where God is already acting and present in their lives.
	I changed my question that i have been asking---i was called up to tell how it works---to "we are about to bless our food, can we asked God to Bless you, what is your name, and what specifically can we ask for you?"

7. Rank your preferred communication vehicles for these conversations? - Comments	
Answer	
I don't intend to let the church-defined boundaries to be boundaries. Why confine it to convocations? What about your neighbors?	
Other clergy in my convocation have made it clear they are not interested in this info or further conversation.	
I wish we had more time for small group discussion either within our parishes or as random groups.	
There is power when you discuss face to face. If not face to face, then a running conversation...like texting.	
Bog reaches the most. I still like to diocesan meetings for us all to gather.	
Adding Facebook updates and Tweets may also help.	
I want to open a communication with others who want to do something, but can't get the whole parish involved. Sometimes it just takes showing the parish what can be done and how easy it is for them to get excited about doing something.	
I think in my church is the best way to go	
I think we need to have face-to-face conversations in order to create synergy.	
I am very interested in continuing this discussion with my group or an informal setting at St. George's. However, I do not want to take on a position of leadership, which is why I did not want to rank the choices. Not a public speaker.	
We are in re-start mode for an established mission in a convocation of functioning parishes. Our needs at the moment are quite different from our other convocation parishes.	
I am not good at this computer stuff and prefer small group face to face meetings.	
I will continue to reach out to public people in my community.. when it arises!!	
A big question remains unanswered: With declining and aging populations with a death rate higher than growth rate, how can we support the community from which we can go out into the world bearing the Gospel?	
A simple summary of Reggie's book and presentation would be very helpful, no more than 3 or 4 pages of bullet points.	
I don't like that we had to use all 5 numbers. I am really not interested in Convocation-wide meetings or Small interest groups within the convocations.	
I would prefer more than a convocation wide meeting. Being out here in Uvalde, it really helps us to get ideas from the San Antonio churches.	
Much prefer small groups to be able to take action not just talk.	
We purchased one of his books and will share it with the vestry and see where this leads. Really not interested in activities outside the parish at this point.	
There is a spark in our parish, which I hope to help make a blaze. I would also enjoy meeting with other parishes to discuss our mutual interests in becoming "Missional"	
Best way for me is blog, but I'm open to all channels.	
I think we can learn from other groups and share experiences and ideas.	
i have spoken to numerous people from small t large groups. I think i can be of benefit to those who asre seeking new ways to spread the WORD without angst.	

**8. Is your church leadership interested in opening a conversation with John Rayls, diocesan Canon Miss**

**Answer**

Who knows.

Don't know

Don't know

I don't know yet.

He is nuts. Keep him away from us.

We are working on visioning with leadership through Jane Patterson.

don't yet know

unknown

I don't know

Do not know

We are starting that, and could very well use John as a source.

ask Jay

Good question to bring to the Vestry

You will need to contact our priest

I don't know, I'm not in the church leadership.

I'm not sure. I hope so. I know our rector attended and was impressed.

I have not yet presented to the Vestry

don't know

I have not discussed this with my church leadership

Don't know.

We have already started a conversation with him and would benefit from it contin

I am not on the vestry

Don't know

Perhaps, but not from an Evangelical theological perspective.

N/A Staff

Do not know

with some guidance, I could present this to the Vestry. I would be interested.

not sure

Not sure it has been introduced to Vestry

he is here

don't know?

I don't know.

Up to them.

I do not know

at the present time I don't know our churches postion

Don't know

I don't know.

don't know

I don't know

Ha - John's at my church!

I do not know

He's the Canon at our church, probably so.

## 9. Other participant comments? - Responses

### Answer

I am glad I bought the CD/DVD from the conference. We could not hear the presenter well and we were 2/3 of the way toward the back. Additionally, he was so off on stories and examples it was difficult to focus on his primary points. He is very entertaining, but the lack of visuals and key points made it difficult to follow the value of his presentation.

It was an excellent presentation. The support groups also did an excellent job in taking care of all of the details. The only down side to the whole day was the Air Conditioning. I wish TMI had a better means to control the temperature in the room. Most of the participants around us were freezing.

The temperature in the chapel contributed to 3 of 4 parishioners leaving early. WAY TOO COLD. Also, I was under the impression from the clergy day that we would be bringing home a new "score card" and was disappointed this was not the case. This would have been very helpful.

The chapel was way too cold and the seats too uncomfortable to be sitting for long periods of time. I wish I'd brought a heavy sweater. Discomfort makes it more difficult to get the most out of the speaker. I do like the fact that the Diocese cares enough about our mission to have these conferences. I also attended last year and very much enjoyed it.

Great job by staff on setup. Childcare was not well organized. Bringing in a speaker of that caliber was absolutely fantastic. Our participants really benefited from the outside vision. I hope we will do more things like this in the future.

I really got from it.....and have been engaged in the content and the book. Have actually not practiced the How may I ask God to bless you?

We are using information from the Abide With Me program in our church's Long Range Planning Committee work.

We are waiting for the DVD's so more in the church can see it before we have our group discussion on how we should proceed and where do we fit in this picture.

none

John is working with us on our Long Range Plan.

I would prefer small group participation over the Theater type long lectures.

Thanks for doing this, it was great. You are right, we cannot let go as just another conference. We need to pursue how to become and keep being missional.

Our group will begin meeting to debrief our time at Abide in Me II. Our hope is to engage the questions and begin to find ways to share this with the congregation.

comments concerning #8. Meeting with John Rayls was not presented as an option to our group tonight, but the group is excited and open to becoming a missional church. I am sure they would consider John Rayls.

THE BRAIN CAN ONLY ABSORB WHAT THE BACKSIDE CAN ENDURE!

The chairs in the chapel are so uncomfortable that I will not attend any future conferences held at TMI. It took me several days to recover from the physical stress of the chairs.

Only down side of whole thing was the seats. They were killers; my butt will never be the same. Next time I'll bring a cushion.

Personally, I got a lot of support for the work I'm doing as a leader and consultant in one area of our church's life. Reggie Neal expanded on reading I have been doing on ways to help shift existing patterns that limit growth.

The books were great for communicating our roles as part of the mission.... the openness of all the people attended!!! Was an excellent workshop!!!

I attended last year's conference and I really enjoyed the workshops because I got the opportunity to learn something new. This year's conference we only meet for discussion during lunch. Although I received some wonderful information I would have enjoyed a workshop (other than the one at lunch) to discuss some of the topics presented in more detail.

It was the best ever! For us to listen to one person for one hour and a half, and not be bored to tears, will be a lasting example of having your mind being changed for the positive.

there are other theological perspectives that are decisively more sacramental, liturgical, broadly Anglican and equally mission minded. We've tried the Evangelical approach for several decades and it hasn't seemed to work or been embraced widely by the diocese. How about trying something new?

My difficulty hearing made it hard to understand what Reggie was saying most of the time. It seems to reverberate badly in the chapel building, but I guess that's my problem mainly. What I could get was excellent, and his humor was outstanding.

I would very much like to schedule time for John Rayls to pay us a visit as we seek to develop our call in Corpus Christi (St. Andrew's)
With respect to John Rayls, I certainly would be interested in that but I can only speak for myself. We have met with him previously on the DISC profile so I feel like the rest of the leadership would agree.
Our Bishop's committee asked our Bishop Reed for a Restart, and he is considering how the diocese can help. He told us we needed to have a budget for outreach and other programs, in addition to a priest's salary, before we will get a permanent vicar.
An excellent conference. It stirred ideas. Now we need to continue with the ideas.
This was an excellent conference! I wish more of our congregation had attended but maybe they will watch the DVD and we can get into a discussion of what direction our congregation wants to take. I will also be interested in seeing the new "measurement for success" guidelines the Diocese will publish for parishes and mission churches.
The food was good. Conversations in the cafeteria were a little difficult because of the acoustics. It was nice having people directing you where to go.
Our 17 people loved it. Now it is gathering a team who will implement it.
None
Just wished all of our church could have listened to him. We are planning to show the DVD when it arrives.
I appreciated the time that was put in to this day, the efforts to keep it running smoothly, the great lunch & the guest speakers closing comment I'm not sure if I have it word for word but the gist of it was we need to get off our "get off our Donkeys!!!!!"
I was saddened to see the lack of inclusion of women and races other than white in the morning prayer and convocation portions.
Unfortunately I have been out of touch most of the time since the conference, so am not aware of the current planning and interest of our vestry, although I have talked to several independently and their interest level seems high.
I love the continuation of our council meetings. I hope these continue.
They were excited as well.
This was a wonderful day with a great speaker that certainly told us what we need to do and some great ideas on just how to get started. Thank you so much for providing this opportunity. Our group came away ready to get started and now we just have to keep the enthusiasm.
Answer in #8 = We've been out of town since that day, but do intend to converse w/church leadership about the possibility of having John Rayls to our church.
to motivate sedintary Episcopalians to DO what they know they must takes more than one talk, more than one meal and more than one person. You MUST HAVE TRAINING DISGUSED AS FUN!

<b>10. If you volunteered at the conference, please share any comments or suggestions for improving the "</b>	
<b>Answer</b>	
	Again, it was impossible to carry on a conversation at lunch time in the hall of TMI.
	N/A
	Obviously, the sound was a disaster. Nothing TMI could do about the electrical storm, BUT... I was not at all impressed by their lack of preparation. If not for Brian Palandri (who was a lifesaver) there picking up the pieces, there would have been no sound at all. And who else from TMI was there? Not very helpful.
	n/a
	Was not a volunteer.
	have music/AV team arrive much earlier and ensure all equipment is working properly and all back ups are accessible.
	N/A
	I was not a volunteer, but I think the conference was excellent, with the exception of the acoustics in the chapel ( which as an aside, definitely should be addressed ). The booklet was a great idea and a big help for me----nice and neat, a wonderful idea for us to use for notes, and easy to keep up with. The presenter was excellent, clever, kept your attention yet had great "do-able" suggestions and ideas. Even if the individual churches do not reach their highest potential, there were many good ideas for all churches to consider.
	n/a
	n/a
	Did not volunteer, but thought it all worked well, except the small group discussion. As always, these seemed very artificial.
	I didn't volunteer, but want to express my appreciation to those who did. They made things flow very smoothly. The Bishops owe them big time.
	My job was to greet and visit. Loved it!
	No suggestions as to improve. I thought the conference was meaningful and well executed.
	N/A
	Not a volunteer
	Can't really say I volunteered, but did direct a few people to their desired destinations and lead a few conversations into adopting on "missional" guidelines in their parishes. There seemed to be a very high level of interest in pursuing Christ's work outside of the parish, in more settings, and among our communities. I, for one, am committed to continuing this effort in our parish and anywhere else I can be of service. When did our congregations begin to "look inward" to serve themselves first???
	It up to us to carry Christ's word and work into our communities. It's us...who can make a difference. We can no longer complain about the sad state of affairs in our communities, we have to do something about it.
	N/A
	It was good. Maybe put tables under roof area of patio so paperwork doesn't get dew all over it. It was a great conference. You guys did a wonderful job.
	Nancy & Leslie, Good job with the online survey. Blessings, Kelly Harris