

The Diocese of New Jersey

Discerning Our Common Call

Charrettes – September 13, 18, 19, 20, 2017

Days of Discernment Core Values Summary

Using the Baptismal Covenant, the Five Anglican Marks of Mission and the Catechism’s understanding of the Mission of the Church as our starting point at each day of discernment, the meta-values of “Jesus” and “Faith” emerged overwhelmingly the strongest, affirming our commitment to these foundational principles from which the rest of the core values enumerated below flowed.

Although the top two or three values differed between the lay and clergy days of discernment, there were significant areas of convergence between the full lists of values. The top seven list that you see here includes the top five of those convergent values, and the values from the top three of either day that were not included in the convergent list. The Steering Committee feels that these are a good representation of the conversations we had at both days.

Along with the top seven list, we’ve included for informational purposes the full list of convergent values, and lists of the values that were unique to each day of discernment (those the clergy named and lay did not; or lay named and clergy did not).

Top Seven Core Values:
Collaboration/Communication
Evangelism
Formation/Discipleship
Inclusion
Justice
Outreach
Youth

Full List of Convergent Values
Justice
Evangelism
Inclusion
Formation
Outreach
Love
Missional/Mission
Tradition
Transformation
Compassion
Reconciliation

Only on Lay List of Values
Youth
Collaboration/Communication
Leadership
Growth
Stewardship
Education
Trust
Creation
Peace

Only on Clergy List of Values
Kingdom of God/Living the Gospel
Episcopal/Anglican Identity
Worship
Hope
Survival
Unity
Sanctuary
Freedom