

# Monmouth Convocation Lay

Dwelling in the Word

Spoke to the Hellenists – shared it with those outside the community.

The hand of the Lord is always with us when we go out into the world.

Only giving relief to the believers, why didn't everyone eat?

Since they were filled with the Spirit, why didn't they reach out to all who were in need?

You know you can't do it all, so do as much as you can.

The gift of prophecy. When you're filled with the Holy Spirit, it makes the special gifts easier.

According to their ability, as opposed to their willingness. We are called to do that.

They are becoming sheep, following the Shepherd and they are finding other sheep.

The spirit nudged some to be here tonight and it was truly a feeling that drives them to be here.

The Spirit is driving us out into the world – we don't do the big E word well. We have to get outside of ourselves, who we are and being inside our church.

It's ongoing, you get caught up in the Spirit.

Vital Questions

Can see the demise of the church and the young people who do not see the value of church. We need to be more connected with the organizations that meet in our churches. More opportunity to reach the community that does not come to us. Approached by someone who wants to meet in the church to discuss healthy eating and invite others to take the class.

By habit we think of opening doors and let people use the space. Ask the clergy if you are involved in the Chamber of Commerce. This brings the church out into the market place.

We need to learn how to partnership within parishes. If you don't have a relationship there is no trust.

Way of St Paul – not just learning content, we need to be part of the greater network. Things flow through the parish. We are all here for Jesus, we are not the Rotary club.

(From a priest) Clergy can be very insecure. We are part of the problem. When we work together we increase our footprint.

It's important to have an outside set of eyes – like the Diocesan staff – who can look at the situations and help to advise