

## **Table discussion on Missional Church Leadership**

(#4 - Saturday afternoon)

Following the presentation of **The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully**.

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### ***Group One***

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We live in a capitalist society that tends to raise anxiety – especially in the church.

If a church has a deacon, they are examples of pastoral leadership – first responders.

A Synod in a council of churches – that speaks God’s mind. We speak into a culture of the Province of Canada.

What would a Provincial sabbatical look like?

Maybe one day in silence before a Council Meeting?

### ***Group Two***

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A time of chronic anxiety?

Book: *Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix* by Edwin Friedman

No hope without lament.

Hope compels us – is our leader.

### ***Group Three***

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The Church is Diaconate (to the world.)

The Deacon is the one who is enabling others to serve.

Preach the Gospel in different ways.

Mission can be very daunting.

Expert surprises!

### ***Group Four***

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Diakonia – Service among others.

Servanthood – Church would be more like Christ. Less ego. Focus on reconciliation. The same discussion that we had this morning.

Synod conversations if led by servanthood - What we did this morning.

Sabbatical – What would we do if we took a break from meeting – What we are already trying to do.

What loves would you pursue away from business – What we would like to do if we had the resources.

Intentional communion of differentiated ministries – The devotions from the different dioceses have been very different but they have all worked together to support the theme of the synod and to inspired us and draw us together with our variety of gifts and concerns. We have enjoyed unity around the table. The table discussions have been the most effective part of the synod when we were sharing ideas from our very different experiences.

### ***Group Six (Dream Team)***

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Deacons are doing the good stuff. Where ministry is beginning and ending.

It's the heart of ministry.

Do we need more deacons or more to embody the deacon ministry?

We think this puts too much pressure on one type of expression of ministry.

We struggle with the questions. They seem to focus on the current models of leadership instead of thinking outside the box.

How do we change structure engaging the current models of power?

Maybe not sabbatical but retreat focus will help us reimagine the lens.

The need for humour!!!!

Maybe we need to more fluid to let the Spirit engage us and awaken us. (Amy Hamilton)

It's great! To come together and become outward focusing.

We need to share struggles more or hopes/encouragements.

How we are engaging in our communities and other churches.

We learn from each other.

We need to sing and make music together.

We need to share the heart and soul stuff. What is beating in our hearts? what moves us?

We are in team groups... can we become an intentional community for the next three years. Check in other each other, pray for each other.