

Discernment-Book of Common Prayer Study, Book Exercises and Other Activities

Session Twenty-Three-August 24, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: Review letter for postulancy and Decided Next Steps for This Group (Facilitator: Jim Campbell)

Six of us reviewed the letters for Sarah's postulancy request: the discernment group support letter prepared by the group, and Sarah's acceptance of St. Mark's nomination for her for postulancy. And, we talked about what is next for the continuing St. Mark's discernment and circle ministry. It was agreed to contact St. Luke's, Elma about their interest in a study circle, and also inform the people of St. Mark's about our progress to date and invite them to join a study circle, too. It was tentatively agreed to start this circle in January, 2011. We reviewed the outline for the study curriculum and we shared questions and information about the various aspects of the study.

Session Twenty-Two-August 3, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: Review and discuss exercises from the book, "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts" (Facilitator: Jim Campbell)

Five of us reviewed and discussed the "Wounded Healer" exercise from the book. *Next meeting--August 24, 2010 from 6:30pm, complete and sign discernment group support paper for Sarah Monroe's postulancy request. Also, decide our next discernment group activities.*

Session Twenty-One-July 13, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: Review and discuss questions for postulancy for Sarah Monroe (Facilitator: Jim Campbell)

Three of us reviewed and discussed the questions provided by the Diocese for discussing the possible postulancy of Sarah Monroe. Others in the discernment group will contribute via outside input. This discussion will be collated into a letter of support for Sarah from the discernment group. *Next meeting--August 3, 2010 from 6:30pm, complete work on exercises from the book, "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts" or another topic*

Session Twenty-June 8, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: Review and discuss exercises from the book, "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts" (Facilitator: Jim Campbell)

Four of us reviewed and discussed the "Prime Time" exercise from the book. *Next meeting--July 13, 2010 from 6:30pm, complete work on exercises from the book, "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts" (Facilitator: Sarah Monroe). [We are skipping June 22, as several people will not be available.]*

Session Nineteen-May 25, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: Review and discuss exercises from the book, "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts" (Facilitator: Mary Venske)

Five of us reviewed and discussed the "Meaningful & Fulfilling Experiences" exercise from the book. *Next meeting--June 8, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm, continue to review and discuss our work with the "Prime Time" exercise from the book, "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts" (Facilitator: Jim Campbell).*

Session Eighteen-May 11, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: Review and discuss exercises from the book, "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts" (Facilitator: Mary Venske)

Six of us reviewed and discussed the "Heroes" exercise from the book. *Next meeting--May 25, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm, continue to review and discuss our work with the "Fulfilling Events" exercise from the book, "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts" (Facilitator: Rev. Lorraine Dierick).*

Session Seventeen-April 27, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: Review and discuss exercises from the book, "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts" (Facilitator: Mary Venske)

With Mary, Sarah, Natalea, and Lorraine present, review and discussion began on discerning spiritual gifts. *Next meeting--May 11, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm, continue to review and discuss our work with the "Heroes" exercise from the book, "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts" (Facilitator: Natalea Brumfield).*

Session Sixteen-April 13, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: Look at The Essential Elements of Discernment in Community in Congregations Plus (Facilitator: Jim Campbell)

With all but one present, and the Rev. Kim Forman (TCM Missioner) visiting with us, we discussed: 1) the Essential Elements of Discernment in Congregations (the information about discernment from the Diocesan website, and 2) the summary of the reading, "I Have Called You Friends", by Kevin Forrester (supplied by Rev. Forman). We reviewed with Kim what we have been doing with our discernment since its start in November 2009, and Kim brought up the latest information about Diocesan views on discernment and the ordination process with regard to TCM congregations. It was agreed to next look at the goals and passions of each of us and what we each want to do to be happy and satisfied and challenged. To do this, we will use some exercises from the book, "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts", by Lloyd Edwards. Kim encouraged us to continue this process and determine where we will best fit into the needs of the church and community. We should also try to report regularly to the congregations about our activities and see if anyone else can participate. *Next meeting--April 27, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm, review and discuss our work with some exercises from the book, "Discerning*

Your Spiritual Gifts" (Facilitator: Mary Venske).

Session Fifteen-March 23, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: Review and Discuss 1) the worksheet for Assessment and Formation of a Priest, and 2) Expectations for Ordained Leaders in the Diocese of Olympia (Facilitator: Rev. Bonnie Campbell)

With only 4 of 8 present, we discussed: 1) the worksheet for Assessment and Formation of a Priest, and 2) Expectations for Ordained Leaders in the Diocese of Olympia, both items provided through the Diocese. The focus was specifically for Sarah Monroe, discerning for Orders thru seminary, but we also discussed implications of these documents in our TCM model here. It was agreed to provide these documents to all on the Bishop's Committee to review and fill out to help Sarah with her discernment. Also it was agreed to provide the documents to anyone else who might want to participate in this review process. *Next meeting--April 13, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm, review and discuss: The Essential Elements of Discernment in Community in Congregations Plus (Facilitator: Jim Campbell). Contact Rev. Kim Forman, TCM Missioner, to see if he can join us for this session.*

Session Fourteen-March 9, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Priest & Deacon Ordination Discussion (Facilitator: Rev. Lorraine Dierick)

With only 4 of 8 present, we discussed from the Book of Common Prayer, three areas: the Examination statement, the questions, and the consecration prayers for the ordinations of both Priests and Deacons. We discussed the different but also very similar and overlapping aspects of the roles and responsibilities of priests and deacons, and also talked about how these BCP words call to us in our model of Total Common Ministry at St. Mark's. *Next meeting--March 23, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm, review and discuss 1) the worksheet for Assessment and Formation of a Priest, and 2) Expectations for Ordained Leaders in the Diocese of Olympia.*

Session Thirteen-February 23, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Baptism & Bishop Ordination Discussion (Facilitator: Natalea Brumfield)

With 7 of 8 present, we discussed from the Book of Common Prayer, two areas: 1) the questions for Baptismal candidates, and the Baptismal Covenant from the service of Holy Baptism, and 2) the Examination statement, the questions for the Ordination of a Bishop and the beautifully worded last part of the Consecration prayer (just after the laying on of hands). The Baptism discussion gave everyone pause to think about what we're saying as individuals and as a church community when we answer these questions and state the Covenant. We also discussed what our church can do to be more responsive to follow Jesus

and do His ministry in Montesano and Grays Harbor. The Bishop Ordination discussion helped us to see how large and important is the role and responsibility of a bishop, and how the bishop can have such a great effect on the whole diocese he serves by how he carries out this role. *Next meeting--March 9, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm, finish reading and discussion of the services for ordinations of clergy--priests and deacons (from the Book of Common Prayer).*