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Listening Session # 4  
All Saints Cathedral -- Metropolitan Deanery

**What spiritual characteristics would you like to see in our new Bishop?**

- Committed to prayer
- More loving, supportive to people; not like bishop; esp. LGBTQ
- Life grounded in scripture & understands transforming power of God
- Looks for Christ in all things & people with humility
- Present in his/her Cathedral
- Open to ecumenical community
- Recognizes power of Holy Spirit & open to the gifts of the Spirit
- Rooted in basics of Christianity
- Believes that Jesus is only way to salvation
- More focused on NT than OT [*sic*]
- Gift of hospitality
- Like early apostles w/ holy boldness, speaking the truth in love -- even if unpopular
- Open to hearing other interpretations of how to hear from God
- More integrated w/leadership of national church

**What skills would you like the new Bishop to have?**

- Bring us together
- Gifted / good preacher
- Someone to speak to & hear from individuals -- extravert
- Willing to do the hard work of reconciliation & healing & committed to diversity, inclusion & equity
- Leader in diocese plus leader in community

- Understands Episcopacy & how it should work
- Acknowledges difference of opinions while keeping Jesus on the throne
- Skilled at pastoring clergy
- Understands spiritual needs of children
- Articulate in how God is building faith in them
- Good manager & delegator; good sense of business of diocese
- Gifts of discernment & leading strategic planning
- Consider expanding mission statement w/ social justice & call to serve -- Beatitudes
- Concerned w/environmental stewardship & justice
- Committed to communicating what is happening in the wider church
- Bias towards urban areas
- Good apologist who can confront untruth w/love
- Concerned about multicultural issues
- Pays attention to all in the diocese (geographic)
- Open to utilizing gifts of all seminaries of the church
- Clergy continue to be trained in X [*sic*] orthodoxy
- Christo-central / prayerful
- Passion for unity in the body of Christ
- Live with the words of Bible
- Comfortable crossing cultural boundaries, particularly with those in survival mentality
- Recognizes that there are many gifts & talents in diocese
- Love what they do and can convey that love w/ joy/humor
- Personable & articulate

**What do you think the next priorities for the Diocese should be going forward?**

- Healing & reconciliation
- Building up diaconate
- Bring diocese in accord with national church w/ inclusiveness; removal of exclusionary canons
- Aligning more w/varied groups in TEC & non-religious groups in community
- More effort on social justice
- Lead people to church & saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- Reducing average age of congregations
- Recognize ripe mission field among elderly unchurched
- Varied locations of diocesan convention
- Take baptismal covenant seriously -- action outside our doors
- Prophetic voice in alignment with Anglican Communion (Bishop's leading) [*sic*]
- More opportunities for young people
- Equip us with answers to Why Jesus? Why church?
- Embraces notion of shared governance w/communication flowing upward as well as downward
- Episcopal presence on college campuses
- Atmosphere whereby we are undergirded by our faith & relationship w/ Jesus Christ
- Look at parishes w/in diocese with love & appreciation -- unity
- Equip us with how to share our faith
- Lead us in recognition of financial challenges -- diocese & parishes
- Strengthen leadership w/in ind. [*sic*] parishes
- Alternatives to meeting spaces that are not as costly as CTK
- Committed to sanctity of all human life -- born & unborn
- Follow Catholic church in pro-life stance including capital punishment