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Listening Session  
Trinity Church, Plattsburgh – Northern Adirondack Deanery

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

- Humility; open to learn the fruit of the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control
- Wisdom comes from knowing and living scripture
- Gift of collegial bond
- Honesty and integrity; genuine interest in people of diocese
- Build team around you that supports and challenges you
- Exude unconditional grace-filled love
- Joyful
- Very excited about his/her relationship with Jesus Christ
- Recognizes every human as a child of God and is vocal about it
- INSPIRATIONAL
- Loves every single one of us, heart soul and spirit
- Knows what it means to listen and be empathetic
- Help everyone on their spiritual journey no matter where they are

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

- Skilled pastor to clergy
- No conflict with bishop
- Knowledge of conflict management
- Strong business background
- Strong preacher
- Experience and strong compassionate healing
- Homilies (*should*) be teaching moments
- Critical thinker looks at cultural social aspects of community
- Theologian who can articulate prayer book, other Anglican formulating, creed
- Be a people person who exudes joy

- Have a heart for mission and see globally
- Comfortable and creative in dealing with diversity and ambiguity
- Change agent reunifying diocese to be all one
- Mission-minded finding God in pay, in community, in addition to welcoming community in church
- Comfortable being close to sick and poor
- Able to minister to same sex couple
- See person in front of them a reflection of self
- Doesn't see world as us + them
- Emphasis as being loving
- Speak the truth in love
- Relate to youth
- Able to share themselves honestly with humility
- Respect bound conscious; understand that both positions seeking to be faithful to Christ

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

- Fiscal responsibility – look at diocese as a whole
- Leader in stewardship
- Healing divisions and hate in diocese
- Have a plan based in love of all
- Loving God and neighbor and all God's children equally
- Forward thinking – not led by decisions of past
- Have a place for everyone at the table
- Listening to each other and reconciliation
- Reconciliation and healing with national church
- Function with technology; help churches with same
- Pastor who can bring diverse clergy together appreciate ourselves
- Rebuild trust and confidence of individual churches
- Broaden understanding of orthodoxy
- Correcting a historically biased system
- Inclusive clergy included in diocese – women, LGBTQ, handicapped
- Support cathedral

- Spiritual Life Center – self-supporting and inclusive for LGBTQ community
- Bishop surrounds himself/herself with more diversity
- Foster diversity
- Bishop will need resources and plan to go the job we ask of him/her
- Can work with search committee looking for priest to fill positions in local communities; get to know local churches; allow churches to select priest that would work well in parish
- Ability to reach out to and work with marginalized groups
- Empowering and equipping the laity
- Empower priests
- Realistic about parish administration; keeping churches open
- Regional options
- Outreach for people without faith -“non-faithful”