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Listening Session # 5
Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls

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

- Hold and defend God's word -- 1928 BCP, pg. 555; 1979 BCP, pg. 521
- Caring / compassionate
- Good listener
- Visionary -- Cast [*sic*] long & short term
- Communicator
- Joyful
- Peacemaker / healer
- Holy Spirit led
- Teacher / Preacher of God's word
- Person of prayer
- Ascribe to, uphold & defend God's word
- Shows love for all people but also the environment
- Organization skills

What should be the main skill sets --Gifts/talents/expertise -- for a new Bishop?

- Loving / welcoming to all
- Maintain connection w/youth; communicate w/youth
- Preacher
- Grace & mercy
- Visible w/in Diocese; visit churches more
- Sense of humor

- Renewed heart - Ezekiel 36:26-27
- Keep God's judgement
- Good negotiator / arbitrator
- Leader / delegator
- Experience in growing church and/or church planting
- Living authentic life w/in Biblical relationships, especially marriage
- Affirms Nicene Creed, the creeds [*sic*]
- Loves everyone, regardless of sexual / gender identity
- Focus on / encourages missions
- Listens w/ compassion
- Recognizes & supports uniqueness of each parish & leads accordingly
- Good perspective of history of church & history of diocese, authority of bishop, and responsibility of bishop

What do you think the top 3 priorities for the Diocese should be going forward?

- Support TEC's policies, especially same sex marriage -- working for reconciliation
- Committed to respecting dignity of every person
- reconciliation / healing within church (DOA and w/TEC)
- Challenges of small churches -- Help them and clergy availability (recruit young clergy); support small churches to gather, worship, etc.
- Support & correct (respect & mediate) perspectives on issues that are in opposition
- Supports. differing perspectives, recognizes the position of a parish & supports it (esp. the small church) (esp. "knife edge" survival issues)
- Providing training resources so parish grows & makes difference in community
- Clear message what it means to live Christian life daily; What do we do to invite youth to join the church?
- Resolve question of Marriage

- Open to listening and working thru issues and willing to change & grow
- Support women clergy
- Live Sermon on Mount and reach out poor community
- Growing youth (numbers)
- Reach youth
- Reach children
- Parents -- know safeguarding of children