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Listening Session # 3
St. James's Church, Oneota

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

- Love, mercy and walk humbly (Mica 6:8)
- Sincere listener, spiritual strength, humility, relational, humble
- Economical
- Accessibility - Availability; transparency; truth ahead of politics
- Faithfulness to Christ
- Experience casting a vision; leader who empowers people
- Understands rural vs. urban
- Healing; Submissive to church (no need for alternative oversight)
- In concert with General Convention
- Appropriate dress code
- Reconciliation -- take the initiative to reach out
- Heart for youth -- local presence
- How to use church buildings better
- Youth - sees no limitations
- Welcoming to GL (gay and lesbian) Community
- Respect for Conservatives as well as progressives
- Faithful to teachings of Christ
- Studiousness, especially to issues of homelessness, covid, mental health, intellectual curiosity
- Open to Ecumenical efforts
- Mental health crisis acknowledgement

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

- Healing of divisiveness re sexuality, marriage, and women priests
- Mentorship of clergy
- Welcome signs back; “Churches” not “missionary outposts”; not Albany-centric
- Unity with National church; Two bishops
- Service

Clergy comments:

- Pastoral care of clergy
- Collaborative & collegial
- Deeply rooted in tradition, sensitive to present
- Able to reform canons & structures
- Process, trust, transparency
- Teaching - catechetical pastoral
- Mission minded
- Bishop with a plan to include all
- Man or woman