

CONVOCATION 2011 EVALUATION COMPILATION

INSPIRING WORSHIP; WHERE DID YOU FIND THE WORSHIP MOST UPLIFTING OR ENGAGING?

Everyone mentioned Ray's inspiring teaching and preaching in their first two comments. Mentioned several times were Tim's Sermons and teaching. Also mentioned many times were the Friday night worship and the music. The Anthem commissioned in memory of Tim's father was a special blessing to many.

DON'T DO THAT AGAIN!

Most felt that there was nothing that reached this standard; however two noticed that the opening worship was weak in comparison to the rest of the program and one mentioned that some areas could have been deeper. One person doesn't care for Dwelling in the Word.

TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS

Several people felt that this convocation was less rushed than some previously and allowed room for relationship/fellowship building. It was mentioned by several that they were disappointed that the M&M group wasn't meeting in the same building and taking the same breaks as they felt a distance from them.

It was suggested by three that we might more intentionally mingle the groups at meals etc. They felt on these occasions we reverted to our Presbytery groups.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

"The Black Lanyards" were noticed and their wearers were gratefully appreciated by all. Specifically mentioned for providing new information were Kevin Garvey, Laird Stewart, Max Miller, and of course, Ray Jones was mentioned here frequently. Tim Lanham wasn't wearing black; but his name was mentioned three times as well. It was said he has a special gift for teaching! Elaine Hundley and Mike Dalton's sectional was mentioned as a possible mission focus.

THINKING MISSIONALLY

Comments ranged from "Bags of Grace" and Nakuru 3:16 to establishing a Presbytery wide mission (no particular focus was mentioned) which might take 5 to 7 years. The value of networking and resourcing one another was mentioned. The PW outreach to the needy both around the World and in our local communities was mentioned by several. Many people mentioned looking for new ways to be Christ in our communities.

CONDUCTING BUSINESS

This was left empty by most. Those who responded usually said "yes". One said the docket was adequately addressed. Another mentioned the value of having difficult items fully explained prior to the time of voting. Trust was mentioned several times during the day. One person defined that as: 1. choosing your strongest people for the committee. 2. being aware that it can be amended if needed. 3. Sensing that there is no agenda except the betterment of the Presbytery and the congregations that make it up. One mention was made that we focused and finished quickly!

SUGGESTIONS

Suggestions were substantive and will be helpful in planning future events. These particular suggestions were made by several people. They included a special section for PW. A youth strand recommended to be led by David Loleng, Ray's associate from Louisville. (This might require our changing to the Teacher's conference days around October 20th) It was also suggested to invite the Louisville staff for higher education.

Also mentioned was a gathering around corporate discernment. Two people mentioned building in more health conscious items such as fruit and veggies for snacks and more opportunities to stand and walk.

One suggestion, obviously from someone knowledgeable, mentioned a breakout around the options for Presbytery designation of the future.

One person mentioned that the space was tight and future events might need a larger venue. (Wouldn't that be nice-)

MANY COMPLIMENTS TO SUNRISE!