

# Questions from the Listening events

## **Question #1 – What is the missional purpose of the annual conferences?**

Resourcing and equipping local churches	29
Develop and deploy leaders	26
Accountability/Advocacy/Inspiration/ Enforcement	22
Relationship building and connecting	17
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ	15
Provide opportunities for learning and sharing best practices	10
Mission/Justice/ Inclusivity	8
Administration	7
Miscellaneous	7
External communication and outreach	4
Combine conferences into 1	3

## **Question #2 – How do we best develop lay and clergy leaders for these three conferences?**

Improved training, resource and development of clergy	19
Leadership development and training (generic)	14
Identify strong, visionary leaders	12
Miscellaneous	10
Enhanced communication and training new media	8
Emphasize children,youth and young adults	7
Encourage Unity Discourage Controversy	7
Empower laity/ lay training	6
Faith and spirituality	6
L3 Incubator, Abide	3
Concerns about appointments, clergy processes	2
Risk-taking, Mission, Social Justice	2
Continue what is currently working	2
Utilize Saint Paul or other cont. ed	1

**What factors should we all think about with regard to the configuration of conferences in this new Episcopal area?**

Miscellaneous	17
Combine conferences into 1	15
Questions on merging conferences	14
Build relationships with and learn from each others	8
Enhance the number and rold of Districts	8
Consider populations and cultural differences	8
Make 2 Kansas-Nebraska conferences, East and West	6
Improve communication use of technology	6
Distance/ Geography	5
Concerns about Bishops and DS's	5
Keep Conferences the same	3
Make one conference each: Kansas and Nebraska	3
Consolidate ministries, staff and/or leadership positions	3
Prayer following Jesus' teachings	3
Concerns about appointment makings	2
Urban vs. Rural concerns	2
Consider rural churches	1

## Questions from Kansas East Conference

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Make disciples of Jesus Christ	40
Accountability, advocacy, inspiration, and enforcement	30
Resourcing and equipping local churches	28
Missions, justice, and inclusivity	17
Develop and deploy leaders	10
Relationship building and connecting	9
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	8
Provide opportunities for learning and sharing best practices	6
Combine mission and vision of Kansas and Nebraska together	5
External communication and outreach	5
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Leadership development and training (generic)	28
Encourage unity, discourage controversy	18
Enhanced communication and training, use of new media and distance education	18
Small Group, local and /or peer based training share best practices	15
Identify strong, visionary leaders	14
Miscellaneous	14
Emphasize children,youth and young adults	9
Faith and spirituality	7
Empower laity/ lay training	6
Utilize St. Paul School of Theology and other religious training	6
Improved training, resource and development of clergy	6
Concerns About Representation, governance, structure	5
Continue what is currently working	5
Concerns about appointments, clergy processes	4

Risk-taking, Mission, Social Justice	1
L3 Incubator, Abide	1
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Miscellaneous	21
Distance/ Geography	20
Questions on merging conferences	14

Concerns about presence of Bishop and DS's	13
Combine conferences into 1	12
Consider populations and cultural differences	12
Make 2 Kansas-Nebraska conferences, East and West	11
Make 1 conference for each state	8
Keep conference boundaries the same	8
Build relationships with and learn from each others	7
Improve communication use of technology	5
Concerns about appointment-making	5
Consideration of small churches, rural and western areas	5
Urban vs. rural concerns	4
Prayer following Jesus' teachings	3
Consolidate ministries, staff and/or leadership positions	3
Concerns about current leadership and processes	3
Where will conference be held?	1
Have Nebraska and Kansas Join the North Central Jurisdictions	1
Enhance number and/or role of districts	1