

## SUMMARY OF NOTES FROM 6 NE-KS LISTENING SESSIONS

09/30/10

### Question #1 – What is the missional purpose of the annual conferences? 49

Make disciples of Jesus Christ	19
Resourcing and equipping local churches	12
Missions, justice, and inclusivity	7
Develop and deploy leaders	5
Relationship building and connecting	2
Provide opportunities for learning and sharing best practices	1
Accountability, advocacy, inspiration, and enforcement	1
External communication and outreach	1
Combine mission and vision of Kansas and Nebraska together	0
Miscellaneous	1

### Question #2 - How do we best develop lay and clergy leaders for these three conferences? 52

Enhanced communication and training, use of new media and distance education	9
Empower laity/ lay training	8
Concerns about appointments, clergy processes	7
Improved training, resources, and development of clergy	5
Small group, local, and/or peer-based training/ share best practices	5
Identify strong, visionary leaders	5
Faith and spirituality	3
Emphasize children and youth	3
Continue what is currently working	2
L3 Incubator	1
Encourage unity, discourage controversy	1
Concerns about representation, governance, structure	0
Miscellaneous	3

### Question #3 - What factors should we all think about with regard to the configuration of conferences in this new Episcopal area? 73

Distance/ Geography	14
Consideration for small churches, rural and/or Western areas	6
Combine conferences into 1	6
Questions on merging of conferences	6
Improve communication, use of technology	6
Build relationships with and learn from Kansas United Methodists	5
Concerns about presence of Bishop and DS's	4
Consolidate ministries, staff, and/or leadership positions	4
Keep conference boundaries the same	4
Concerns about appointment-making	3
Make 2 Kansas-Nebraska conferences, East and West	3
Concerns about current process and leadership	2
Prayer, follow Jesus' teachings	1
Urban vs. rural concerns	1
Have Nebraska join the North Central Jurisdiction	1
Where will conference be held?	0
Enhance the number and/or role of the districts	0
Make 1 conference for each state	0
Miscellaneous	7