



Clergy – Laity Partnership



The Partnership

We use the relationship of Christ and his disciples as a model

- The body of Christ, and the church universal is made up of both clergy and laity
 - Neither is fully effective without the other
 - Together, both work for a common cause
 - Biblically based





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- Each has different responsibilities
- Neither role pre-empts the other
- Neither role is above the other
- Lay and clergy leaders work as ecumenical partners to lead each event, and model this partnership





Areas Where Lay and Clergy Leaders Work Together

In preparation for an event:

- Community Board
 - Lay and clergy board members in each board class
- Team Selection Committee
 - Board selects top lay and clergy leaders for each event
 - Have lay and clergy people on the committee, who all provide input for all positions
- Team meetings
- Preparing and previewing talks

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In what areas do you see a strong partnership? Where could you improve?





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During an event:

- Developing an atmosphere of agape love

- Honoring the retreat environment
- Engaging in the present moment

This can be especially important for leaders at the back table. It can be tempting to talk about things other than what is currently happening in the room.

- Putting participant needs first

- Being intentional about building relationships

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After an event:

- Follow up with participants
 - Encourage participation in small groups
- Community gatherings
- Developing leaders

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In a Healthy Partnership Clergy & Laity...

- Agree to work in an ecumenical team environment
- Share an understanding of the ministry in which they are working
- Practice sacrificial love and servant leadership with each other and with participants
- Live into the mission of empowering leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ

