



Reflections on Christian formation

A summary and guide for viewers

Reflections on Christian formation: This is not a DVD program for adult study. Rather it is a DVD for those engaged in leadership in adult Christian formation.

This DVD is designed to encourage viewers who are engaged in or considering leadership roles in adult Christian formation in congregations, and to provide some guidance about the importance of participatory education – education that does not involve lectures and presentations so much as shared reflection within a group.

We expect that this DVD or programs within it may prove helpful to

- facilitators or potential facilitators of our DVD series of programs,
- leaders of adult forum discussions,
- Christian education and formation committees, and
- our clergy.

There are three programs in *Reflections on Christian formation* (with times):

- “*Continuing in My Word*” (2:14)
- *Faithful discourse* (25:48)
- *Dialogue education* (9:31)

Participants on the DVD include

- The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry
Bishop of North Carolina
- The Rev. Dr. Leon Spencer
Dean, School of Ministry
- The Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple
Rector, St. Luke’s Church
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- Dr. Jane Vella
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Parishioner at Church of the Nativity, Raleigh

- Ms. Catherine Phillips
Duke Divinity School

In the first program, “*Continuing in My Word*,” Bishop Curry reflects upon the scriptural foundation of our call to engage in study and challenges us to “continue in my word.”

In the second program, *Faithful discourse*, Anne Hodges-Copple interviews Leon Spencer about the work of the School of Ministry. They discuss the importance of biblical study, the value of the participatory model of adult education, and the call to reflect upon our work and to engage in action as people of faith. Dean Spencer also outlines the particular intent of the DVD series.

In the third program, *Dialogue education*, Jane Vella – internationally known for her work under that heading – describes this “system” and applies it to the DVD series of the School of Ministry. She is interviewed by Catherine Phillips, who at the time of this filming was engaged in field placement with the School of Ministry from Duke Divinity School.

Further information: For further information about dialogue education, visit the website, www.globalearning.com. We especially commend Dr. Vella’s book, *Learning to Listen, Learning to Teach: The Power of Dialogue in Educating Adults* (San Francisco: John Wiley and Sons, 2002).

Please also refer to *Doing theology: DVDs for parish study – Some suggestions for facilitators*, which is included in the notebook provided each congregation in the Diocese of North Carolina, for general comments about the role of facilitator. (If a copy is not available, contact the School or visit our website, www.episdionschool.org.)

Evaluation: We have not provided an evaluation form for this DVD, given that its purpose is as a support to leaders rather than as a study resource. However, as always, we welcome your critique of our materials, including *Reflections on Christian formation*. Please contact us.

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