

AED's Archdeacon & Deacon Directors' Conference – February 2019

Task Force Clergy Formation & Continuing Education A3D -Open Space

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TOPIC: Task Force Clergy Formation & Continuing Education

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FOCUS QUESTION(S):

1. **Seeking input/feedback on what deacons would like to see relative to the requirements in formation and continuing education around LGBTQ/Gender Fluidity issues from 2018 General Convention Res. D025.**
 - Task force/Interim Body for the triennium 3 priests-3 bishops- 5 lay – 1 deacon
2. **Systems for tracking and looking at how to consider tracking/what's important for continuing education**
 - Look to include human awareness, gender identity and gender expressions, etc.
3. **Seeking members for a Deacon sounding board/advisory team to provide input and feedback ongoing**

Inputs and discussion for consideration:

- Consideration of normative language – normalize and define for consistency
- Province of New England → held retreat “Exploring Gender Complexity”
 - a. Method included homework ahead
 - b. In-person workshops to include openness to reception of new information
 - c. Consider when it's important to use online vs in-person relational training.
- Important to consider subject material of any topic before deciding how to disseminate information.
- If using mandated training for Anti-Racism as a model for this resolution consider how Diocese of Atlanta re positioned and renamed training to be more inclusive= Beloved Community – Racial healing/Dismantling racism
 - a. Cont. Education is recorded, maintained and followed up on
- Requirements vary from diocese to diocese around:
 - a. Continuing Education (Canon states it's Bishop and COM to decide
 - b. Hours mandated
 - c. Methods of frequency of reporting varies
 - d. Accountability varies
- Consider expansion of Safeguarding God's Children and People to include Elders and Human / gender issues.
- Education could be tailored regionally

