



Discernment Listening Guidelines Workshops

Cultivating a Culture of Deep, Prayerful Listening

Overview

The Discernment Listening Guidelines (Appendix 1 of *Grounded in God* and posted on the Listening Hearts website) have proven transforming for groups that have adopted them as norms. This daylong workshop gives participants a thorough grounding in these guidelines and prepares those present to effectively pass them on to others who are not in attendance.

Intended Audience

This workshop is designed for a congregation as a whole or for a designated leadership group within a congregation that wants to implement the guidelines as group norms.

Summary of Content

The first step in this workshop is to go over each guideline, making sure that everyone grasps its intent and understands the guideline in the same way.

Next the group practices using the guidelines, quite likely in sub-groups, as they consider an issue of current practical concern to them. Finally, they work out a plan to introduce the norms to all groups within the congregation and to the congregation as a whole. The program includes hymns, presentations, questions, discussion, and actual practice in using the guidelines.