

Mission Convocation
Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota
Breck School
May 2, 2009

Purposes

1. To worship together with scripture, music and reflection
2. To be together in fellowship and affirm our commitment to each other
3. To discuss implementations and implications of MSN and other mission proposals
4. To discern which elements best align with what we believe God is calling us to be/do
5. To be spiritually transformed by the Spirit working among and within us

Welcome to our facilitator

Doug Baker, Sr. is a writer and Executive Coach; a former senior executive with American Express; a teacher at three local universities and colleges; a former senior warden at St. Paul's, Minneapolis; a former interim executive director at Episcopal Community Services; a former vice chair of The Episcopal House of Prayer; and currently a trustee for the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and Founder and Director of *SpiritSearch*, a small group ministry.

Shape of the Day

The day will be a fusion of worship, fellowship, plenary and small group discussions.

Small groups will be randomly created and facilitated by our best listeners – those who are deacons, faith formation leaders, or who work in spiritual direction and total ministry teams – and will meet together around and throughout the chapel. Find your group location as it matches the number on your nametag. Each small group will also have a note taker from the MSN process, so that the totality of information can be shared back. Each group will need to spend a few minutes at the close of each session to discern which three items they would like to prioritize for the report back in the plenary.

Following each small group session, we will convene together in a **plenary session for report back** from each group and other discussion. The facilitator will be asked to bring forward the notes, read the top three items from each question, and place the notes in a basket as an offering.

The notes will be given to the MSN for typing up and all the feedback will be posted on the website and used for consideration in the next step phase.

Please fill out the **evaluation form** – it is always extremely important to offer your comments and for those comments to be shared so that future events can be shaped accordingly.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

SCHEDULE

Mission Convocation Schedule May 2, 2009 – Breck School

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00	Invocation and Bishop's reflection
	MSN goal presentation and clarifying questions (5 min. presentation/5 min. Q&A)
	Q&A intended for clarifying questions only, not in depth questions
9:20	Spiritual transformation
9:30	Renewing congregations in their context
9:40	Recreating the diocese as a network
9:50	Developing Effective Stewardship of Financial Resources

Morning Session

10:00	Prayer and hymn
10:15	Small Group Discussion and Discernment
	As you listened to the presentation, read the Mission Strategy Network Report, or engaged in your own discernment about our diocese:
	1. Did you feel the Spirit leading you to notice anything in particular that you'd like to mention today?
	2. What is most hopeful about what God is doing among us?
	3. What is most concerning about what God is doing among us?
	4. What else would you like to add?
11:00	Plenary – report back and discussion
11:45	Worship

12:00-1:00 Lunch and fellowship

Afternoon Session

1:00	Prayer and hymn
1:15	Bishop's reflection – standing on Mount Nebo
1:30	Small Group Discussion and Discernment
	1. What common mission has shaped our diocese that we need/want to hold on to?
	2. What can we imagine adding?
	3. What can we imagine leaving behind?
2:30	Plenary – report back and discussion
3:15	Closing Worship
3:30	Adjourn