DYYAM Consultation

GENERAL COMMENTS
1. How does diocesan programming connect with the vision?
2. Need to get Priest and religious on board with all of the programs – they can take the information back and influence the church to support it.
3. Find a way for program committee members to balance committee work and being with their parish or school groups during the actual event.

The group was broken into sub-groups. They built wordle (see www.wordle.net) word clouds which gave greater prominence to words that were used repeatedly. The groups added red to activities that should be discontinued or “stopped” and green to that which should be continued, emphasized more, or intimated.
1. Make High-LI a local training that can be done by parish leaders.
2. Make High-LI both local and archdiocesan training
3. Use High-LI to bring youth together as a diocese – beyond parish!
4. With local training – have other parish adults involved (music minister, DRE, etc.)
5. Include adult track on local level
6. Find a way to involve more young people at the local level – right now parishes can only send 5 young people each summer. How can a parish or school train all of their leaders?
1. Make it more of a retreat and less of a conference
2. Intentionally send forth young people with a plan – have a spiritual commissioning
3. Putting Christ in the Center – focus more on prayer and discipleship in the context of a conference
4. Have a deliberate spiritual focus
5. Focus on personal relationship with Christ – faith sharing and witnessing
6. Need to sell it differently – not a vacation but how it will speak to the young people; don’t market it as a “beach vacation”
7. Young people need to know the themes/workshops, etc. – what’s in it for them? Need meaningful responses for them.
8. How will this event help them get to the top of the mountain (using Transfiguration image)
1. This event should have a strong Witness component for the youth and those who see them walking. It should catch everyone’s attention

2. Young people should be able to share their faith with one another during Pilgrimage

3. The focus should be on Lent, Holy Week and prayer

4. The event should evangelize and lead to discipleship

5. Use the RCIA model and lead them through a process: from evangelization to conversion to discipleship

6. Clarify the end goals then decide how to get young people there?

7. The actual walking is significant – it should be focused – not time for chit chat – should be a pilgrimage

8. All pieces of the day should connect to the topic
9. Don’t make this a Confirmation “required” event.

10. If it is required then provide pastoral guidelines/helpful hints for those who are “required” to be there.

11. Make sure we reach out to kids no matter what their starting point – whether they want to be there or are required to be there.

12. We need more buy in from other youth ministers

13. What can we do to make this more attractive for Priests/religious?