

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.

BYCC



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)

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?