



Listening Session Summary Report

Location: St. Mary of the Visitation, Ottumwa, Iowa

Date of Session: October 7, 2018 Facilitator: Miguel Moreno

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Approximate number of participants: 50 people

Were small groups utilized? yes no

If so, how many small groups did you have? 8

Briefly describe the composition of the group (age/race/gender/ethnicity).

Age 20-65. Man and women. All were Hispanics.

Were there any impeding factors that could have limited attendance?

No. The community was invited on many occasions.

Chapter Large Group Responses. List with bullet points.

Chapter 1:

- Spiritual retreats
- Multicultural Ministry
- "Mañanitas a la Virgen" (Morning prayers to Our Lady every December 12)

What we could do:

- We can go house by house and share our experiences
- Give testimony – Talk about God
- Because there are people who don't believe in God
- Go to jails and hospitals
- Volunteers need to invite and bring people to the Mass

Chapter 2:

- Adequate preparation to evangelize
- Better use of technology... and use for evangelization
- Religious formation
- We need more ministers

- Scandals in the Church and we don't know how to answer
- Hispanics are not in the decision making table
- Other sects

Chapter 3:

- Events in the church
- Conference or activities for Young people
- Formation classes
- Testimonies
- Engaged Encounter Retreats
- RCIA
- Religious education
- Children's choir
- Lay formation classes in Davenport
- Couples preparing other couples in Family Planning

Chapter 4:

- Church support foundation such as SIEDA
- Donation to others in need
- Bilingual masses
- Multicultural Ministry Office with Sr. Muñoz
- Knights of Columbus help non-profit programs
- Rice bowl

Chapter 5:

- Give a good testimony inside and outside the church
- There are many obstacles
- We need the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Unite more as a Christian community
- To help immigrants
- To look for God's word