Questions for the end of each Chapter in the book **For individual and group reflection/discussion**

1. In this chapter local options for Christian learning are mentioned. What opportunities for Christian learning are available to you in your situation?

Who is the educational ministry of the Church for?

2. Consider the *smorgasbord* approach to Christian Education.

Respond to some of the research findings mentioned in the chapter.

3. Recognise any *moments of learning from God* in your life.

When would the practice of *hospitable space* be helpful?

Identify any favourite biblical passages or other spiritual reading which feeds your soul. A number of book references about spiritual reading are mentioned in this chapter. You may like to list your own examples.

4. Recognise these four approaches to Christian Education in your Christian Community.

Is the growing of the spiritual life one of the basic purposes of Christian Education in your situation?

5. In your opinion which are the key influences in creating best practice Christian Education?

Which of the eight factors mentioned in this chapter would you highlight from your experience ?

6. What have you learnt from reading this chapter?

Mention examples of congregational learning from your own Christian community or elsewhere.

7. Which Christian Practices have helped you most to *learn Christian faith and become Christian*?

Is your Christian community intentional enough about education in Christian Practices? What else could be done?

8. In what ways do you find Figure 1 useful?

Talk about your congregation as a learning community?

9. If you used the practical exercise of review in your congregation what might some of the outcomes be?

In what ways does your Church community equip/train people to be leaders?

10. In what ways is your congregation growing new Christians?

The last part of the last sentence of this chapter concludes that "Christian formation and education are essential for new and long-standing friends of Jesus". Would that describe what is happening in the congregation to which you belong? How is it happening?

Conclusion

The conclusion briefly summarises some of the main themes of the book and includes the importance of the context. How would you sum-up/summarise what you have learnt from

reading this book?

In what ways is the learning community perspective for Christian Formation and Christian Education happening in the congregation to which you belong? In what ways could it be happening?

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