

EACRC Timeline Event August 29, 2021

Below are the themes that each table reported out at the conclusion of the Timeline Event. These are general overview responses to many small groups' general experience of the event.

- Dynamic leadership has made a difference at EACRC; it is important to Eastern members.
- God's faithfulness is evident in our church's history, through ups and downs of church life.
- Maintaining relationships while on the cutting edge of divisive issues.
- We are a community united in prayer through the Holy Spirit.
- Being called to being an open, inclusive, justice-oriented community
 - "When we are inclusive, we grow; when we are exclusive, we don't grow"
 - Inclusion and listening with respect, while continuing to worship together
 - Inclusion is difficult and desired
 - Desiring inclusion and diversity is our strength and future (teen table)
- Doing what's right because of our love for others
- Courage is evident in our history of affirming and including all people; we are a courageous community.
- We're known for tackling issues and confronting them.
- Caring for each other: when it works it's good; when it doesn't, it's bad and hard.
- Change is a source of joy, sorrow, and hope.
- The fear of pain will not keep us from action.
- Active, welcoming community, welcoming of Latinx community - we're practicing the love of Christ, while also recognizing that it takes practice.

Church Innovations Facilitators' observations include the following thoughts:

- trust in leadership is building for our congregation
- this congregation is willing to trade things and allows the 'letting go' of other things
- this congregation is willing to admit conflict, while demonstrating resilience

If you were not in attendance at the Timeline Event - or even if you were! - you're encouraged to review the Timeline (and the youth Timeline!) in the fellowship room at church. There is a description of the colored post it notes as a guide to the process to the left of the timeline banner.