

Alaska Poll Responses For Conversation #4

Ministry Context

What ministry, service, or presence is most needed in your ministry context?

Discipleship / Education / Connection	11
Young People / Camp & Retreat ministries	6
Housing / Hunger	4
Native Ministry / Inclusion	4
Financial guidance	1
Creation Care / Disaster Response	1

Conference Priorities

FUTURE WORK & IMPACT: If the Alaska Conference had limited funding, staffing, and a window of opportunity to make a difference in the world, what would you prioritize? (Maximum of 3)

Native Ministry / Inclusion / Equity	7
Housing / Hunger	5
Discipleship / Education / Connection	8
Young People / Camp & Retreat ministries	7
Financial vitality of our ministry settings	1
Creation Care / Disaster Response	2

Connections

Which connections matter most in your ministry context? (Maximum of 2)

Engaging on contextual issues with others in similar contexts	8
Receiving encouragement from those in leadership	3
Working collaboratively with other United Methodist church/es	7
Learning about other faiths or people groups in our area	2
Becoming more connected to those who live in close proximity to the church	1
Space for difficult conversations	1

Training

What can help the ministry leaders in your local church flourish? (Maximum of 2)

Equity /Anti-Racism	16
Housing / Health	14
Spiritual Formation / Discipleship	14
Creation Care / Disaster Response & Readiness	6
Youth / Camp & Retreat ministries	3

Hispanic/Latinx Ministries	1
Peace building	1

Administration/Finance

What administrative, finance, or HR support is needed in your ministry context? (Maximum of 2)	
Help local ministries find bookkeepers, auditors, and other administrators in our area	9
Secure preferred vendor lists and in-common service providers for local ministries	5
Increase administrative and financial support for local ministries	4
Provide funding sources to local ministries	4
Acknowledgment and involvement from conference leaders	1
Grant writing opportunities and support	1
Process for submitting payments and paperwork to the Conference/District office	1

Communication

What is most helpful in your ministry context? (Maximum of 2)	
Accessing stories that inspire us and help us tell our collective story	5
Knowing who does what at the conference level	5
IT and tech support resources for local ministry teams	5
Receiving direct communication from the Conference Office	4
Updated organizational chart of staff and programs	6
Updated website and relevant social media posts that tell the stories of Alaska	1