

Reflection for Action – flip chart feedback

The conference was invited in groups to identify:

### **Signs of the Kingdom**

- Inclusive community
- Loving response
- A non-anxious presence in an anxious world
- Acceptance of each other in loving relationship –‘one in Christ’
- Being open to seeing love
- ‘this gathering’ (the diocesan conference)
- Being made welcome and welcoming
- what faith can do
- Willingness to talk about Jesus
- Looking outwards rather than inwards
- Doing for others
- Joy

### **Truths we hold as ‘Easter people’**

- That Jesus ‘uniquely’ rose from the dead, increasing faith
- We identify as Emmaus people – ‘on the journey’
- Confident with questions
- Comfort of not living with fear of death
- Conscious of having the conversation with and about Jesus
- Cleopas and his companions were (at first) ‘going the wrong way’ – we are ‘going the right way’
- Recognition of Christ through hospitality
- Invited to tell story then ‘unpacking signs’ leading to recognition and action

**Resources** to accompany the congregation in its ‘deepening of faithful performance’ of spiritual practice and individuals in a personal rule of life

### **Individual**

Spiritual direction – what resources are available? Year 4 Reflection for Action will offer opportunities

Is there a spirituality network? Yes, in the new provincial configuration Rev Fred Tomlinson convenes.

Ignatian Centre in Glasgow

Technology – podcasts and downloads such as ‘Pray as you go’ or the Daily Office, some to phones, some to e-book

Interaction through Skype and google hangouts

Training in ‘Christian listening’ through e.g. Acorn <http://www.acornchristian.org/listening/>

Book suggestions ‘Running over Rocks’ Ian Adams, ‘The Heart’s Time’ Janet Morley

(Book list for Reflection for Action supplied by Canon Anne Tomlinson)

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## **Congregational**

Liturgical expression e.g. Processing the Christ child to the crib at midnight mass (St John’s)

Service at the end of Advent – ‘Silent Night, Holy Night’ (St John’s)

Retreats on Cumbrae and Iona

Pilgrimage opportunities – how can we take advantage of the rich heritage of Christian history in our area?

A new ‘back to church’ initiative ‘A Season of Invitation’ [www.seasonofinvitation.co.uk](http://www.seasonofinvitation.co.uk)

Diocesan Lent course shared on the web – that all invited to do