***LIFE IN ABUNDANCE* Conference February 2016**

**‘Open Space’, Dialogue, and Emerging Issues**

***AT THIS CONFERENCE…….***

We seek to *capture* emergent issues coming out of listening and dialogue, reflection and noticing. We hope to *create* the ongoing **agenda for those things of God’s mission, for the Anglican Church,** that we feel passionately need to stay open in dialogue…

Here are the *opportunities to engage in this way:*

**AT THE *WORKSHOPS***

There will be an opportunity to name emerging issues from your workshop on a recording sheet which will then be posted in the Dialogue Hub (Dining Room).

**THROUGH *TWITTER* AND *FACEBOOK* FEEDS** as emergent issues come to you.

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**THE *OPEN SPACE HUB*** in the Chapel Annex – Archdeacon Jan Crombie will be present during the Workshop time for anyone who may wish to (a) dialogue an emerging issue with whoever is there; (b) learn about some **tools of dialogue** for different situations, eg, *Listening/Talking Circles; Open Space Technology; Appreciative Inquiry;*  *World Cafes, etc.*

***We will be practising what we preach ☺***

***Dialogue: talking about the things that matter.***Dialogue is actually the heart and mind process of discerning the things that matter…. coming from the Greek words meaning ‘through’ and ‘the word’. A culture of dialogue therefore is of Holy Spirit nature, and also of reconciliation.

(As set against ‘discussion’ which comes from a Latin word meaning “to smash apart”, or ‘debate’ which has its origins in two Latin words which mean “apart or against each other” and “to fight, or beat”. )

***Dialogue*** is especially helpful for complex situations …. circumstances and systems that cannot be finally solved, that need to be addressed as a whole system, where the best one can do is influence (not control), and create listening pathways – rather than answers.

***The principle of emergence*** says that ……..

when the right group of people gathers with the right conditions and process, something will *emerge.*

**Want to find out more about this? – contact Jan on 0439 222 112**