

**MN Faith in Action Association  
2010 Fall Retreat  
St. John's Guesthouse  
Collegeville, Minnesota  
Session Evaluation Summaries**

**Session: Dr. Bruce McBeath – “Psychology of Aging – the Changing Ideas and Attitudes; How it Can and Will Make a Difference”**

16 responses

**Content of the session was appropriate and helpful.**

Excellent (4)	10
Good (3)	6
Fair (2)	0
Poor (1)	0

**Comments:** very good at addressing changes in older class person.

**Presenter was knowledgeable and had a good presentation style.**

Excellent (4)	11
Good (3)	4
Fair (2)	1
Poor (1)	0

**Comments:** typical of his profession – was more teacher type presentation.

**Comments on the session:**

- Great information; I found materials very helpful.
- Very insightful; learned a lot. Thank you!
- Very enlightening take on aging. I may use him in other educational sessions.
- Bruce brought a new perspective which we can all benefit from.
- Good to learn that people *enjoy* solitude as they age. Being alone isn't always lonely.
- Very enlightening.
- Lots of information that I never thought of. Gives a perspective of reasons some seniors act the way they do.
- Very informative; new concepts.
- Speaker was too dry and should have used a mic.
- Interesting. I needed more depth maybe.
- Very interesting! I would love to see more speakers/topics like this at future sessions. He did an excellent job.
- This is a very interesting area.
- Very appropriate session. Interesting, timely topic. Speaker was very knowledgeable in his field.
- Great exercise and great discussion. More on this topic would be welcome.
- Made me think of changes that I have been observing.

**In relation to this session, what topics should be covered during future conference sessions?**

- More on this. I feel like we only skimmed the surface. Social, emotional, etc. issues associated with aging.
- Would love to hear more from this presenter.

**Session: Father Pierson – “How Are We Making a Difference in People’s Lives Spiritually”**

18 responses

**Content of the session was appropriate and helpful.**

Excellent (4)	14
Good (3)	3
Fair (2)	0
Poor (1)	1

**Comments:** Very appropriate and inspiring for me.

**Presenter was knowledgeable and had a good presentation style.**

Excellent (4)	18
Good (3)	0
Fair (2)	0
Poor (1)	0

**Comments on the session:**

- Very compassionate man.
- Wasn’t clear on the message or I guess more specific details about how we are making a difference spiritually vs. ourselves and our spirituality.
- Was not relevant to my work. Would have appreciated a focus on serving seniors rather than faith.
- Great topic!
- This session touched a soft spot for me and I truly connected with the message in relation to my work and passions for life.
- I truly appreciated this presentation. It spoke of the personal journey that I’ve been on and helped solidify some things.
- Excellent session. Wonderful speaker who spoke from the heart, shared personal experiences, and shared God’s Word with us.
- Self-care topics are so important for us – FIA programs. I think we always need to have one session at retreat on self-care.
- Thank you! Very good.
- Excellent. Thank you!
- Very comfortable – deep spiritual connection. We DO need to be driven not by our “desire” to serve but by God’s love.
- He made me realize that we are too hard on ourselves. God is forgiving... more forgiving than we can comprehend.

- Not a regular topic, but made you think that we are to really take care of ourselves and love ourselves before we are able to be Christ-like.
- Great session. Really made a connection.
- Marvelous!! So encouraging, focused my eyes on Jesus and the truth of his character. Would love to have him again next year when we come back here again. 😊😊😊
- Made me feel great!!
- His story was relevant to some of our personal journeys. A good way to open session.

**In relation to this session, what topics should be covered during future conference sessions?**

- This session was great and the focus on taking care of yourself is really important when helping others.
- Personal – soul searching.
- Can't think of any.
- Thank you. –Spirituality-

**Session: The Real Work (Tammy)**

15 responses

**Content of the session was appropriate and helpful.**

Excellent (4)	10	
Good (3)	4	1 (AM session)
Fair (2)	1	(PM session)
Poor (1)	0	

**Comments:** Morning session was helpful but afternoon info was repetitive and too basic. Information I have used for years.

**Presenter was knowledgeable and had a good presentation style.**

Excellent (4)	9
Good (3)	1
Fair (2)	4
Poor (1)	0

**Comments:**

**Comments on the session:**

- Great presentation style and excellent content.
- Good practical info. Nice exercise with storytelling. Good discussion.
- Well prepared. Good ideas.
- Very informative and I really enjoyed the interactive discussion. The session was challenging and needed.
- I found the presenter rude at times.
- Very open & interactive.
- Enjoyed the parts on marketing/data collection.
- Presenter was very knowledgeable. Good, practical, and timely information.

- This session was strained for me. Not a clear goal for this time block.
- Sorry! Didn't understand a lot of what was going on due to being so new and my first year – so was very clueless on much of the information.
- At times – well – it was difficult as audience did not engage. Why?? Content was valuable – power point could have been shorter perhaps?
- Very pertinent to our program at this time. Was great. Good presenter.
- Very first part could have been shorter. Sometimes presenter was a little blunt.

**In relation to this session, what topics should be covered during future conference sessions?**

- More trainings on concrete, practical tools that we can use in our individual program.
- More break time – nature walks, etc. 😊
- Talk about “new” media, creative ways to target/market. Lots of resistance to mailings.