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Abstract:

In June 2004, service learning professionals from 14 colleges and universities, all faith-based institutions, came together at Messiah College for a pre-conference discussion to examine their schools' strategic plans and mission statements hoping to find evidence of specific and measurable Christian distinctives in support of service learning. Central to the discussion was a critical inquiry into the level of institutional support that each school experienced from within their own campus. Examination of service learning definitions, institutional supports, reporting structures and program comparisons provided a base of shared information and knowledge and collective insights and wisdom that both enlightens us and moves us to take action on our campuses to more fully embody Christ and the message of the gospels through our service learning programs.

Participating in the dialogue were: Aquinas College, Alderson-Broaddus College, Azusa Pacific University, Barry University, Bryn Athyn College, Calvin College, Gannon University, Lee University, Messiah College, Millsaps College, Northwestern College, Rosemont College, The University of Scranton, and Whitworth College