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- the educational ministries of the church and church schools.

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**ALL** *We are called to participate with God and God's people.  
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**All:** *Help us to learn from each other.*

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