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Preparing Local Committees for Learning is a DVD/VHS resource for field education and contextual ministry. It was produced by a task force of the Canadian Caucus of Theological Field Educators in 2003. During the January 22nd session, participants had an opportunity to review the resource and explore ways in which it is being used.

The following groups have used the resource

- Supervisor training, educating supervisors in the purpose and work of the Local Committee
- Preparing students in the classroom prior to the field placement about the purpose and work of the Local Committee.
- Training the students to use the resource with their Local Committee
- Seminaries offering training sessions for Local Committees
- The student with the Local Committees as a group (or individually), using it as a training resource as they prepare for their work together.
- Used by experienced members of Local Committees to review their task prior to the arrival of a new student.

This 40 minute presentation can be used in the classroom or in the placement site and includes five vignettes that explore the work and role of the Lay Committee. These include:

- Introducing the work of the Lay Committee
- Developing the Learning Covenant
- Doing Theological Reflection Together
- Offering Feedback
- Closure

A booklet, prepared by Dr. Abigail Johnson, accompanies the resource and provides a brief review of each of the five vignettes as well as discussion starters for use by the Local Committee and their student. If you need a copy of the booklet that accompanies this resource, please contact the Field Education Office at Huron University College, ssteers2@uwo.ca, or at Emmanuel College University, abigail.johnson@utoronto.ca to receive a copy as an e-mail attachment. To receive one in the mail please contact the Field Education Office 519-438-7224 ext. 251.

The goal of the Canadian Caucus in preparing this resource was to make it cost effective for use in theological institutions. Only one original copy is purchased and then the institution has permission to make however many copies needed for placement sites associated with that institution.