

Session Three

Make it Mean Something

Scenario A

You live in a community where education and literacy are priorities. Elementary school teachers, unfortunately, are finding that their students do not read at acceptable grade levels. What's more, students do not seem to enjoy reading at all. Students complain that they do not like reading things that they "have" to read. They see reading as an obligation and a burden rather than something useful and enjoyable. The members of the junior high school student council have decided that this is an issue they want to address. Help them to design a program that will allow them to address the issue, possibly collaborate with others in the community, and have a meaningful leadership experience for themselves.

Be prepared to address the following questions when you present your program to the group:

- Why was this experience created?
- Does it meet the needs and desires expressed by the youth group? How?
- What are the youth members in the group responsible for?
- What are the adult leaders in the group responsible for?
- Would you consider this a transactional leadership process or a transformational one? Why?
- Is this experience meeting a community need?
- Is this experience being done in partnership with another community organization or entity?