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Seeing out of two eyes makes it possible to perceive depth. This is true for thinking as well; I need at least two perspectives for my mind not to see things as flat and simplistic. Holding multiple viewpoints in tension, rather than choosing one as right and dismissing all the rest as wrong, pushes me to clarify what I think and why. It can also reveal inconsistencies and inaccurate assumptions.

One of the things I love about Education for Ministry (EfM) is the program's practice of reflecting in a group on experiences in daily life from several points of view.

It's something I love about the psalms too. The psalms include a lot of what seems like repetition, but there's always some shift in the way the same idea is expressed, like the poet is turning the image slightly to reveal another facet.

I was inspired listening to Bishop Michael Curry preach (via a live video feed) at his installation as Presiding Bishop. One thing that particularly energized me was his urging of Christians to work together with all kinds of groups, including (and maybe especially) those from opposing viewpoints.

—Tracie Middleton