**A LISTENER'S GUIDE FOR SERMONS**

*Intern Name* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of Sermon* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Scripture Passage(s)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Beginning of Sermon:* What was helpful? What was not helpful?

*Body of Sermon:*

1. In a sentence or two, state what you heard as the central message of the sermon.
2. How well was the central message related to the scripture passage?
3. How well were you able to follow the preacher? What helped or distracted?
4. At which points did the sermon address real issues, both those with which you struggle and issues in the community and world?
5. What illustrative material did the sermon use? What images, metaphors, stories did the sermon offer?

*Conclusion of Sermon:* What was the good news? How was the good news celebrated?

*Delivery:*

1. As you look at the preacher, describe your most prominent impression.

2. How did the delivery (voice, body language, style) enhance and detract from the message of the sermon?

3. How would you describe the preacher’s own feelings about the sermon?

4. How did the sermon gain and maintain your attention?

5. How did the sermon engage your emotions?

*Response:*

1. How did your own opinions and beliefs fit or not fit with this sermon?

2. What did the sermon challenge you to do?

*Summary:*

1. Share what you especially appreciated about this sermon.

2. Share suggestions you would give to the preacher for strengthening his/her preaching.