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The Michigan State Summer Course:

We have many to thank for a wonderful and highly successful summer course at Michigan State. Francesca Dwamena was a most marvelous host. All of us are probably having fond memories of Francesca's warm smile and indefatigable cheerfulness in putting together this course and "making it happen." Bob Smith provided steady, good-natured strength, which we admire in him and was an indispensable support for Francesca. I also want to especially thank Maysel White who contributed very creatively to the model for the Michigan course. Beginning on Friday evening with a highly meaningful session over dinner and ending after three and one half days with the Academy's trademark hilariously imaginative project-group presentations, this model seems both practical and inspiring. Great personal awareness and skills were done in the groups.

FIT training was strong. And, the workshops were absolutely superbly organized, I think we have a model for future Academy summer courses that retains all that we love about Academy work while fitting the time constraints and practical learning needs of today's attendees.

With best wishes,  
Bill Branch, President