

Fellowship Circle Resources - Topics: A Spiritual Experience

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting

"The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all. There is a connectedness, a relationship discovered amid the particulars of our own lives and the lives of others..." --Mark Morrison-Reed. UUminister

Check-in

The facilitator should briefly remind the group of confidentiality/anonymity, that this is not the time for cross conversation, etc.

Focus: A Spiritual Experience

The facilitator begins the conversation, and helps keep it focused yet moving, with questions such as: --what has been your most powerful spiritual experience? --what do you think made it possible?

--why don't we have more of these experiences?

Note: you don't have to ask all of the questions. nor do you have to limit yourself to these examples.

Likes and wishes, Check on

The facilitators ask participants to briefly say what they liked about this meeting and what they might wish for future meetings. This is also the time for any housekeeping announcements that need to be made: next meeting place (if rotating), who'll bring opening reading (if rotating), who'll bring snacks, etc. This is also the time to bring to the group's attention any church-related announcements.

Closing Words

"I rarely let the word 'No' escape from my mouth because it is so plain to my soul that [the Beloved] has shouted 'Yes! Yes! Yes!' to every luminous movement in existence."

--Hafiz (14th century Persian poet)