Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network Website SMALL GROUP MINISTRY Session: Getting To Know You

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Opening Words & Chalice Lighting:

The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed. ~ Carl Jung

Check-in: Share an unusual experience that you have had in your life.

Focus Reading

It's fine to have social media that connects us with old friends, but we need tools that help us discover new people as well. ~ Ethan Zuckerman

I love meeting new people; I think everyone has a story to tell. We should all listen sometimes. ~ Kim Smith

If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball. ~ Jack Lemmon

Nothing compares to a beautiful conversation with a beautiful mind. ~ Unknown



We don't meet people by accident. They are meant to cross our path for a reason.

Pre-Bingo Questions:

- 1) How many really close relationships do you have? Or do you have a lot of "acquaintances?"
- 2) Do these relationships provide you a chance to discuss personal and spiritual issues?
- 3) Do you regularly meet new people? If so, do you have or spend the time to really get to know them?

Now do the SGM Bingo below.

Check-out: In what ways did you get to know the people in your group better?

Closing Words & Extinguishing Chalice:

The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again. ~ Charles Dickens

SGM Bingo

Directions: In this activity you will get up, move around, and talk to other people in the group. Try to find someone who shares something that is stated in one of the boxes below. Each person should print the name of the other person below the question. The object is to get a bingo pattern (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally). No person can be used to fill a 2nd box until all other members of the group have filled a box. When you have "won" the bingo, check in with the facilitator or your group. If time permits, you can continue until all of the boxes are filled.

Shares the same favorite food.	Has read the same book in the past year.	Has a relative with the same first name.	Has the same type of pet.
Plays or has played the same musical instrument.	Has the same favorite color.	Has been married the same number of times.	Plays or watches the same favorite sport.
Had the same vocation or college major at some time during their career.	Shares a favorite musical group.	Has the same item on their "bucket list."	Both feel they are either right or left brained.
Has the same color eyes.	Has visited the same foreign country.	Has the same favorite hobby.	Has the same favorite vacation location.