

A MEETING

Acts 1:13-26

TONIGHT we gather...meeting to consider where we stand and who we are...

We come to order ourselves into a new sense of order, listening to the Spirit who moves us.

Be with us, O God, in this space and time as we affirm and shape the changes in our understanding of the Way.

We desire not to fly apart in a garish fantasy of vision but rather to move the boundaries that presently exist in order to encompass and embrace the living and the breathing growth of each and all.

We work in prayer and dialogue.

In going back to see where we have been, we steady ourselves for the journey of these next few days.

We are here ...

to offer all that we are..our trust..our hopelessness..our joy..our despair..our confirming..our betrayal..To confess, absolve, reconcile, renew.

TO BE ALL THAT WE CAN BE.

To set firm a pathway that is possible.

Possible for us to walk with others to reassess the journey and again set firm a pathway. Each step along the way we clear the stones and obstacles, healing and refreshing each other .

We listen openly to each tale of travel and hear each one's proposal for the time ahead.

Knowing you are here, God, we are freer in our interaction, more daring in the sharing of our personal visions, loving in our confrontation, deeply silent in consideration and accepting in the choices that for a little while will help us to define our actions until broader definitions draw us on.

In this your presence, we meet to order ourselves anew, to consider where we stand; and where we are going.

This evening we gather to welcome all to service in/of/for our missions.

Opening Formation Prayer
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