

Welcome the Stranger

Workshop

Materials needed

Chalkboard or flip chart, chalk or markers

Welcome and opening prayer

Introduction

The Stranger.

Questions

1. Who is my stranger? A relative? CWL sister?
Co-worker? The immigrant? Pastor?
2. Why is this person a stranger?
3. What must be done to call this stranger
“friend?”

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Follow-up

Spend 15 minutes in small groups or one large group discussing the above questions. Choose a person to record and report. Allow 15 minutes for sharing.

Closing

End with one of the following hymns – “We are Family”, “All are Welcome”, “We are Companions on the Journey” or “Prayer of St. Francis”.

Welcome the Stranger

Activities

1. Reach out to your particular “stranger” by a friendly phone call, e-mail or letter. Invite her to a family event such as a barbeque or family dinner. Invite a few CWL sisters along with your new friend to a meet and greet brunch.
2. On a wider scale, help to organize a street/block summer potluck meal.
3. Councils can invite other councils in their diocese to their special events.
4. Have a “Guess who’s coming for dinner” * fundraiser and donate money raised to an organization that assists refugees and immigrants.

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* Guess who's coming for dinner explained: Members volunteer to prepare and host dinners in their homes. Tickets are sold to the event and priced comparably to a good restaurant meal. Hosts are given the number of tickets sold but NOT the names of ticket holders. *FUN, FAITH and FULFILLMENT* for ALL!