

COMMUNITY AND RELATIONSHIPS



CREATING A CULTURE OF BELONGING

Fieldbook for building community
and relationships

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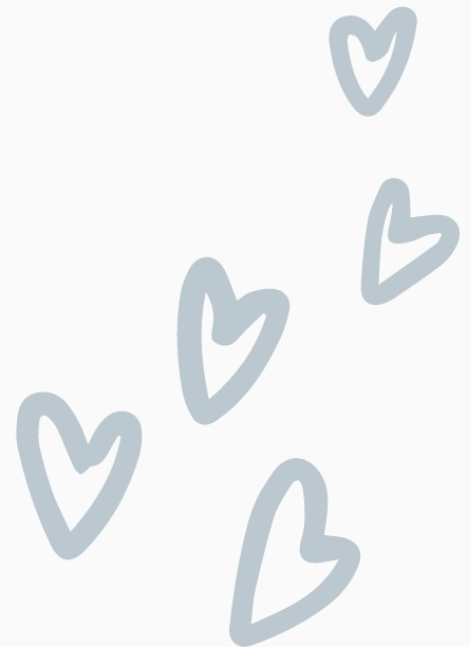
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"Gratitude turns what we have into enough."

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Relationships start here...

- having the lights on
- offering a warm welcome
- a conversation
- looking someone in the eye
- doing a kindness
- listening with intention
- affirming
- telling your own story
- meeting people where they are
- never speaking a disparaging word
- being authentic
- offering refreshment
- sending a note, a thank you



list ways your ministry, your faith community can start where they are to build community, build relationships

mission, vision values

marketing, branding, communication

learning more about your membership and people who belong

listening to needs

learning to talk about deeper issues

witnessing, faith sharing, telling our own stories

Foundations

Hospitality sets the stage for an encounter with Christ - that's the foundation of all we do at Ministry Blueprints. It isn't the stage - but makes the way for what's to come.



List a few ways your faith community offers hospitality and helps people feel welcome - like they belong.

Jesus took time to rest, renew and build relationships in the midst of his preaching, healing and tending to his disciples. How do you do this in your ministry?

Thoughts



Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 15.6

What will it take?

What events, gatherings, ministries in your community help to develop relationships and build community? List them and add a note



Equipping to build relationships



We all know how to listen, but deep listening takes practice.

1. invite an expert in to teach listening techniques
2. practice listening
3. share experiences of deep listening
4. expect the community to be listeners first as a sign of hospitality and welcome.
5. engage the whole community in learning how to notice others, listen well and respond with joy and generosity.

Make a list of the first people to train and equip and your first steps.
