

## **Prayer Stations**

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These prayer stations served as our opening devotional time. They were intentionally set up to remind participants to be mindful of the ongoing struggles and inequities that plague humanity and ecology.

### **Station A: Candle Vigil**

Items required:

- Tea candles
- Matches or lighter

What happens:

At this station, participants are welcomed to light candles as a way to bring light to areas of concern.

### **Station B: Remembering the Cloud of Witnesses**

Items required:

- A couple pots of wheatgrass or other lush potted plants
- Dried leaves
- Twigs

What happens:

This is a station where we are reminded of those who went forth before us. They are the cloud of witness that paved the way for us.

During this time, participants are encouraged to touch and run their fingers across the plant – feel its texture, hear the subtle sounds...

And in doing so, remember the fragility of life... ashes to ashes, dust to dust...

Making our lives count and paying it forward.

### **Station C: Remembering Our Connection to Migrant Farm Workers**

Items required:

- Fruit and vegetables
- A large bowl or container to display the fruit and vegetables.
- Table and chairs where participants can sit and contemplate.

What happens:

Participants are to gather around the bowl/ container of fruit/vegetables.

During this time, they are to hold, smell and taste (if there is enough for all) the fruit.

They are reminded that the hands of undocumented migrant farm workers have touched these fruit. They are reminded how through the hardship of the migrant farm workers, they are nourished and fed.

They are reminded to hold the farm workers and their families in prayer.

They are reminded to be mindful of the need for immigration reform and the need for a living wage.

### **Station D: Remembering Our Covenant with Each Other**

Items required:

- Paper (enough for every participant and large enough for a handprint)
- Markers, crayons, pens or pencils (to trace out the outline of one's handprint).
- A long table (along ample space for participants to navigate around it)

What happens:

- Participants are invited to trace/ outline their hands on a piece of paper. They can draw a stick figure of themselves or write their names on their paper.
- Participants are to leave their handiwork on the table so that other worship participants can view them.
- Participants are reminded to be in covenant with one another by placing their hands on the outlined hands. They can pray for the individual and be reminded of the gifts and talents they bring.

### **Station E: Remembering Our Baptism**

Items required:

- Containers filled with water
- Hand towels

What happens:

- At this station, participants are reminded to remember their baptism.
- In addition, the water theme can remind them of Amos 5:24  
"But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."