



Mini Workshop

Be a Participant with Partners **Churches, hospitality and strangers” September 2008**

God’s hospitality in Jesus Christ broke down the boundaries between those perceived to be on the “inside” and the “outside”. Those who might have considered themselves to be on the “outside” are invited to share in the feast of the kingdom (Luke 14).

Let the following exercise be the catalyst for your diaconate to inspire, model and strengthen hospitality for His sake!

1. **Consider** and share a time when you were engaged in hospitality. What did you appreciate as you provided or received hospitality? What was difficult about it? Do you have an example of a family, community or church that does hospitality well? (10 min)
2. Read the article on the front page of the Partners issue titled “Churches, hospitality and strangers”. Divide into groups (if needed) so that all may **participate**. **Discuss** what a grace-filled hospitable welcome of strangers might look like in your church. (10 min)
3. Hospitality may take many different shapes in your church’s presence and life in the community. **Resolve** to take steps as a diaconate to be a catalyst and a reminder within the church to consider, strengthen and implement hospitality as a tangible expression of love within the community. (10 min)

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