

Notes to Leader for S149 – Sharing the Water of Life

Special Notes

- This session should take place near the Homecoming Service, September 11.
- The main point of this session is not to offer a travel log but for each member to reflect on how their summer experiences have changed them.
- The Order of Worship is different than some of our “normal” sessions. There are two sharing times and check-in is suggested for later, perhaps over lunch or refreshments.
- We’ve also provided a separate Life Ritual, Remembering 9-11, for groups that wish to commemorate this event. It can be done after this session if you wish.

Setup and Preservation

- Please provide a large bowl into which members can pour their water. (Have a towel handy in case of spills.)
- Please provide a container of “virtual water” for those who weren’t able to bring theirs.
- We encourage you to save your group’s blended water for possible use at rituals later in the year. If you find a creative way to use the water, let the SGM Council or Content Team know about it so we can share your idea. PLEASE remember to boil and freeze the water first, though, or it will be unusable.

Session Preparation

The main point of this session is not a travel log but reflection on how our experiences have changed us. Therefore, the depth of this session will be enhanced if each member thinks about the topic in advance. It would be good to point this out when you distribute the preparation sheet. Have extra copies at the gathering for people who have forgotten to bring theirs.

Preliminaries

Ask for a volunteer to light the chalice.

Timekeeping

Use this timetable as an aid to keep the gathering on track.

Preliminaries	2 minutes
Opening	2 minutes
Silence	3 minutes
Reading	3 minutes
Sharing of the Waters	60 minutes
Singing	5 minutes
Further Sharing	20 minutes
Closing	2 minutes
Total	approx. 100 minutes

Preparation for the Next Session

Make sure everyone gets a copy of the preparation for the next session.