

Hold a Gathering

1GOD 1FAITH 1Church

Universe Custodian Guardians



The sound of bell(s) optional outside & Glockenspiel or Organ inside start & end a Gathering. The most senior Elder attending welcomes Supporters, newcomers, guests. **Outlines meeting program.**

A Gong or Bongo calls to prayer. Attendees stand (*sick or handicap sit*) put their hands together face towards the rising sun (*inside, outside never look directly into the Sun*) & pray: *Daily & Theme* prayers. **The meeting program is now in progress.**



Musical sound is used for opening & closing (*Glockenspiel or Organ...*), praying & other parts of the program (*Gong or Bongo...*). If there is a Fun-day-theme, the Gathering adheres to this theme in worship, activities, decor & display. **The program keeps local traditions alive: *dialect, dress, drinks, food, music, dance & customs.***

The 1st Gathering of a month welcomes couples who signed a 'Holy-Matrimony Contract' the previous month. The 2nd Gathering of a month welcomes the new-born of the previous month. The 3rd Gathering of a month welcomes the visitors who pledge to be a Supporter. **The 4th Gathering of a month reflects on Supporters & members that died previous month.**

Meeting Etiquette

Supporters visit a Gathering & encourage others to visit a Gathering. They pray & worship, socialize, discuss, chat, eat (*no junk food*) & drink (*non-alcoholic*), sing & dance, laugh, play & harmonize... **It is your Gathering enjoy & make it work!**

Active participation leads to experiences. Experiences are important; we like to share these with others. We like to discuss our experiences with others. **This increases our relationship with others. Increased good relationships translate into happiness.**

To make the experience work there needs to be variety. Subjects covered may cover Gathering activities, the Law-Giver Manifest, Shun-lists, knowledge, current-news, hobbies, interests, local & provincial government. **Don't be shy!**

Discussion-Etiquette: Listen closely without interrupting a speaker. Reply

passionately without being obnoxious, rude or aggressive. Human relationships rely on passion, compromise & tolerance. To diffuse a situation; agree to disagree.

At all Gatherings, Supporters, visitors, Elders & Members are addressed as custodian-guardian (*1st name*) everyone is equal. Elders & Members are leaders with honorary titles. These titles are used only outside the Gathering in public or on committees.

Before Meeting

Before a Gathering can be held Elders prepare a program & organize a venue.

Program: Welcome, outline, itemize, Prayers, readings, discussion & fund raising, ensure main language, local Dialect & Traditions are upheld...

Organize: Gathering venue (*hall, security*), transport for sick, handicapped, elderly...

Publicize: Gathering (*when, where & directions*), media-releases

Catering: seating, drinks (*non-alcoholic*), food (*no junk food*), music, dancing, & clean up...

Hold: Mess, elections, induction of newly-wed, new-born & memorial for deceased.

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