Expectations for a Table Group Host

Overview: Being a Table Group (TG) Host is a great opportunity to practice God's love and hospitality in practical ways. Providing a home or space to meet for a weekly Table Group facilitates the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the TG participants. Below are the *qualities* that make for an effective TG host. Take some time to prayerfully reflect on these qualities as you consider being a Table Group Host and in preparation for discussing this with the Director of Table Groups.

Qualities

I. Welcoming

- Have your home or place of meeting ready to receive the group approximately 15 minutes ahead of the meeting time.
- Greet members of the group at the meeting place.
- Keep the family pets generally away from the meeting area.

II. Clean

- Have your meeting area tidy.
- Be mindful of pet hair because of allergies.

III. Comfortable

Meals:

- Ensure that TG members have a comfortable place to sit at the table and have the necessary number of plates, cutlery, glasses, etc. (paper and plastic is fine)
- Meal Prep
 - o Provide main dish (i.e. meat, pasta, etc.)
 - Side dishes and drinks are provided by TG members.
 - Set clear expectations about how the meal is to be served and how plates, etc. are to be handled afterwards.
 - Remember: you're not hosting a dinner party! It's more than normal to have the TG pitch in to clean the dishes.
 - Communicate with TG leaders ahead of time to prepare for meals.
- Accommodate at least 10 people.

Discussion & Evening Prayer:

• Ensure that everyone has a comfortable seat and is able to see all of the other group members.