

Communion, Community and Ministry

Henri Nouwen teaches, Communion with God, Community with fellow believers, and Ministry that flows out of our Communion and Community. Community with one another supports our individual communion with God as we experience Jesus in the union with the Trinity that we share. It is also this experience with the Trinity that provides the vision, substance, and validity of our ongoing apostolic ministry.

Imago Christi affirms this centrality on community, and we also find it the most challenging. First, our world culture values individuality and productivity far above the "that they might be one" prayer of our Lord. Second, the processes that facilitate this kind of empowering and deploying community often eludes us. For example, how do we build and nourish relationships of trust and truth where Jesus can love through us when our community is dispersed geographically? How do we prevent our 2nd Order ministry work from overshadowing our 1st Order calling to abide in the love of God and of one another?

God has used Guests at our Gatherings to help us learn and grow in these Core Values of spiritual formation and spiritual formation ministry. We've found that God brings together a unique group to each of our Gatherings to seek His heart and learn from one another.

We hope that you will consider joining us to help us learn how to build and live in spiritual community!