

ACI RETREAT: INTERCESSION

Method: AI Person

AI led the closing session of the retreat, with the result that we all left with an intercessory prayer, composed by us, to hold in our hearts and minds about ACI.

The Process:

- 1) each individual on a large easel page writes words and can draw an image about the greatest concern in their heart.
- 2) people pair up and share their image/words: just share, no commentary
- 3) individuals write one sentence that expresses what they want in the prayer
- 4) each individual brings their sentence to the whole group, and reads it when their turn arrives.

Example:

- 1) Individual: picture of the earth with a skull and crossbones on it.
She is dying, our Mother.
Mammon is the ruling God.
Time closes. The work is weighty.
What can I do but grieve?
Where can my energy be used?
Incense, smoke rises - I pray for mercy,
Compassion, connectedness, caring.
- 2) Share
- 3) Final sentence: We set our feet upon the healing path - show us the way of compassion.

The ACI Prayer

Almighty Creator, Sustainer, and Energizer of all,

Grant Your enabling grace to ACI that it may
strengthen every means and develop further processes
to lessen violence in ourselves, our clients, and the world.

May ACI be a place where our truths are held and recounted without distortion for our learning and our renewal to our commitment.

Pay attention to the foundation and its need for care and reinforcement,
allowing and inviting others to help and to contribute to their effort.

Grant us the encouragement, the support,
the intellectual challenge to achieve our goal.

Set our feet upon a healing path; show us the way of compassion.

God, grant us the power to accept the things we cannot change,
the courage to change the things we can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.