

## Template/Guide for Travelling Youth Group

1. Engage with people as soon as they arrive, showing them where to put coats, etc. Ask them to make a nametag, including their pronouns (have a table set up with nametag making materials)
2. Icebreakers (15 mins or until it seems most have arrived)
  - a. Games to learn names and to help people interact are important
  - b. The last game, in particular, should be a check-in/name game
3. Welcome (10 mins)
  - a. Land Acknowledgment (done now &/or in worship)
  - b. Orientation to Space: Hosts can give a spoken or walking tour of the parts of the building participants need to be aware of including washrooms (an all gender washroom, if available)
  - c. Rules: Ask participants to come up with the rules (aka: community covenant). Examples of things to bring up, if they don't:
    - i. Respecting the space, respecting the leaders and participants
    - ii. Don't leave
    - iii. Avoid using your devices, unless asked for program reasons
    - iv. We use affirming practices. Please use respectful language. Correct people if they use disrespectful language, acknowledging that it might have been unintentional. We are all learning new language.
4. Worship (10-20 mins) Can include some or all of:
  - a. Lighting of Christ candle with these words: There once was someone who said such wonderful things and did such amazing things that people couldn't help but follow him. As they followed they asked lots of questions. Once they asked him who he was and he said "I am the Light."
  - b. Acknowledgment of Indigenous Peoples (could be expanded on if acknowledgement already included in welcome - Ex: reading a story by an Indigenous person that describes their culture, or tells an experience brought on by colonialism, or an experience of reconciliation...)
  - c. a short bible passage (could be related to event theme if there is one)
  - d. a song (Find list of favourite's on "Ideas" document)
  - e. a prayer:
    - i. body prayers can be found on YouTube
    - ii. Spoken prayers can be self created or found in books or online
    - iii. A group prayer in a circle where either a hand squeeze, or a passing of a talking stick or rock, can be the indicator of when it's the next person's turn to speak or to pass it to the next (giving them the option to pass is important).
    - iv. A responsive prayer, with a very short verbal response, or a gesture response
    - v. A sung prayer

- vi. The Lord's Prayer with actions (YouTube has some) or and activity to find (using their devices, maybe) and compare different versions of the Lord's Prayer
    - vii. Writing a prayer as a team. Doing a madlib prayer.
  - f. Extinguish the Christ Candle with these words: Right now the Light is all in one place. We can change the Light so it can go into many places at once. (Snuff the candle, watching the smoke rise) · The Light of Christ that was here with us, spreads into all places to be there at all times. So the Light can be everywhere in this room and even in other places.
5. Theme (45 mins)
- a. Should include some kind of movement-based activity
  - b. Could include a small group thing for better getting to know people
  - c. Theme could be as simple as "games night"
6. Snack (15 mins)
- a. Do a grace (Johnny Appleseed, Fill Up My Cup, etc)
  - b. Can be anytime throughout the event
  - c. Conversations
7. Closing (10 mins)
- a. Fun songs with actions are good here
  - b. There are videos that can be used here if no musicians are available