

Spirit Circle Etiquette

Sisters, Women's Walk With Christ is all about learning to walk in our strong woman and not our wounded child, and as such, we need to take responsibility in areas we may never have done before. Our Agreements create a safe place for us to learn responsibility and we also need to step up and hold one another accountable to those Agreements in our circles. This continues to allow us to grow into the godly women God is calling us to be. Because of our Agreements we can trust our sisters to love us enough to help us get where we need to be.

Walking with your circle

- Since you know when your Circle meets, please put it on your calendar for the whole year. Remind your family that those days/nights are a priority to you, and then make it your priority. We all know that things come up, but if you don't make it your priority...things will always get in the way.
- We don't have leaders, so it's everyone's responsibility to take turns at being the ritual guide at meetings. Make the commitment to volunteer for this role in your circle occasionally and take the Circle's resource manual home to read through it, so you are familiar with the resources within. Do it a couple of times yearly. Please don't always depend on someone else to do it.
- Designate someone to be responsible for starting the check-in and then everyone check in. That is your responsibility, and a courtesy~! If something comes up last minute and you can't make it, or you know that you will arrive late, then call the host or someone else in the circle so they know what's going on with you. Again common courtesy!
- Never ever contact a sister by phone or email to comment about, or give advice about her work or her check in. What is said and done in circle or in email stays right there. Remember how important FRAP and LAMB are in our ministry.

About Email Check-in's

- Do not use your work email. Company email is not secure, because companies may own their email and have the right to look at your email at any time. This is not a safe container for your sisters to check-in. You can easily get a free gmail or yahoo account...do it for safety.
- Do not use a business tag under your signature! Don't have it tell us that you sell a product, do personal coaching, are a realtor, or any other kind of business signature tag. WWWC does not endorse any business of any kind. We encourage you to have your mission statement at the bottom of your email.
- Do not send forwards or requests of any kind.
- If you need to send an email to the larger body of WWWC please use BCC so the replies just come to you.

Additional Spirit Circle Etiquette

Spirit Circle business:

Is done before entering into Sacred Space and silence.

Is about WWWC business only (not church business, social business, community business, etc)

If every member of the Circle is not present, someone please volunteer to send a business email to everyone following the meeting, so all members are up to date on news. Especially if a change is made in the Circle meeting dates/times, etc.

Email etiquette: In addition to the “WWWC Email guidelines” which is in the “SC Resource Notebook”:

Email check in should be started at least 3-4 days before next meeting, giving everyone time to respond.

Everyone needs to respond every time, unless they have informed the group they will be unable to.

Any last minute cancellations should be done by a group text.

Having a consistent member start the email check in, helps with consistency and dependability.

Meeting etiquette:

Start consistently on time. So you can end respectfully on time.

Circle facilitator for the night watches the time and begins closing appropriately.

If a person arrives late, they enter in silence, takes her seat, and when there is a break in the conversation, she then does her check- ins: how she is checking in, commitment to the agreements, and if she has a clearing. The Circle then continues where it left off.

If any changes are made to the Circles’ schedule, all members must be included, so a mutual agreement can be reached, that is most advantageous for the majority of women. This includes if the Circle wants to have a social gathering on a regular meeting date.

The spiritual grounding at the beginning of the Circle, can be a reading, a song, a scripture, etc. It is not a discussion, but allows each women to hear as God leads her.

Agreements are all read in their entirety at every Circle, and the agreements round is always done.

The long version of the Core Principles can be read in its long form occasionally, to remind the Circle about the details and the Biblical references. Most meetings, we read only the main line, as in the protocol.

A trust building exercise can be done preceding the Work round, for some variety within the Circle, and to include everyone in that piece of meditation and sharing. It is especially good to do one when a new member joins for the first time, to begin to build the safe container of trust.

The group can be notified prior to the meeting, by the Circle facilitator when she intended to introduce and lead a trust building exercise.

The work round always is a priority; that is the main purpose of a WWWC Spirit Circle.