

COMMITTEE REFLECTION

Opening Prayer

Holy God, bless us in our time together
so that we will be doing your will
in everything we do.

Help us to put aside our pride and ego
that seeks only what we want,
so that we can be filled with your Spirit
that leads us to want what you want.

Hear us in silence
as we center ourselves in you,
and ask you to guide us this evening...

Donald McNeill, Douglas Morrison, and Henri Nouwen, *Compassion*

To follow Christ means to relate to each other with the mind of Christ; that is, to relate to each other as Christ did to us—in servanthood and humility. Discipleship is walking together on the same path. While still living wholly in this world, we have discovered each other as fellow travelers on the same path and have formed a new community. While still subject to the power of the world and still deeply involved in the human struggle, we have become a new people with a new mind, a new way of seeing and hearing, and a new hope because of our common fellowship with Christ. Compassion, then, can never be separated from community. Compassion always reveals itself in community, in a new way of being together. Fellowship with Christ is fellowship with our brothers and sisters.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- *What does this passage teach us about what it means to be a Christian?*
- *What does it teach about being a Church?*
- *What does it say to us about how we are called to lead and be as a church?*