



"I was a stranger...
and you welcomed me"
Matthew 25:35

Nativity's *Welcoming Focus*

Encouraging us to be actively welcoming to all
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Welcoming – Training Opportunities

Welcoming Focus is designed to weekly give us all some awareness of the importance of effectively welcoming everyone who comes to our church, and also provides us with some initial tips and techniques useful in welcoming new guests. But there's so much more information that we want to share with you as we make Nativity an intentionally welcoming community. The training opportunities will be both informative and fun.

Today we're announcing the following upcoming learning and training opportunities:

Welcoming 101: This half-day session is designed for all people in our congregation who want to learn how to more effectively welcome the people that God is and will be sending to our church. Two identical training sessions are being provided to better accommodate personal schedules. We encourage you to attend, and ask you sign up for one of the following two identical training sessions:

**Saturday, October 20, 9:00am – 12:30pm or
Saturday, October 27, 9:00am – 12:30pm**

Greeters/Ushers 101: This is a joint half-day session designed for current greeters and ushers, or anyone who is interested in becoming a greeter or usher. This session contains specific welcoming information regarding the roles of greeters and ushers and will be held on:

Saturday, November 10, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Note: We request everyone attending this session to first attend one of the two Welcoming 101 sessions above, as the information presented in this session assumes you have learned that initial information. This is a more detailed follow-up session.

All three sessions will include a variety of learning opportunities including videos, presentations, role playing, and a lot of interactive discussion regarding the do's and don'ts of welcoming. Multiple people will help facilitate each session. Coffee+ will be served during all three training sessions, starting at 8:30am.

Complete information on the training topics and sign-up information for Welcoming 101 is available on a separate flyer at this service and also in the October edition of the Nativity Scene monthly newsletter which you should receive in the next couple of days.