

God of Many Names,
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God of many names,
gathered into one,
in your love we sense our oneness.

Having traveled our respective paths,
which we honor,
we find we have arrived here together
in one place –
not only physical space –
but oneness of vision, oneness of spirit,
embraced together in the freedom of grace
and the wonder of love.

We are grateful for this movement that gathers us,
for those whose vision is being realized,
for those whose faithful leadership challenges us
to new frontiers of faith and service,
and especially for the lives of those honored this evening,
who have embodied the beauty
of being as one in your presence.

As we gather around tables spread,
we know your grace
as we look into each other's face
and sense a bit of heaven on earth.

O God of many names,
receive our thanksgiving.