

Mentors

Opening words and Chalice lighting:

In the struggles we choose for ourselves, in the ways we move forward in our lives and bring the world forward with us, it is right to remember the names of those who gave us strength in this choice of living. It is right to name the power of hard lives well-lived. We share a history with those lives. We belong to the same motion. They too were strengthened by what had gone before. They too were drawn on by the vision of what might come to be. We carry them with us: we are their voices, their hands, their hearts. We take them with us, and with them, choose the deeper path of living.

Kathleen McTigue

Welcome and check-in (A time to share what is on your mind in order to clear it and be in the present.)

Reading for discussion

Human beings learn how to be human beings from other human beings. All of us have learned the most startling and important lessons of life from those around us. For each of us, some person or persons have touched our lives in deep and formative ways.

Questions for discussion

Who have your mentors been?

How has your life been shaped and changed by their example?

What would you say to them now?

Check-out (A time to share likes and wishes, such as “I like how we...” “I wish we would...”, or express how you felt about the group.)

Closing words and extinguishing the Chalice:

May the light around us guide our footsteps, and hold us fast to the best and most righteous that we seek. May the darkness around us nurture our dreams, and give us rest so that we may give ourselves to the work of our world. Let us seek to remember the wholeness of our lives, the weaving of light and shadow in this great and astonishing dance in which we move.

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Thanks to everyone for their participation and commitment to our group!