

**Pathways Retreat
Liturgy for Discernment**



Ritual

We light a candle and pause,
recognizing we gather in God's presence.

Relate

We check-in with ourselves and with each other, noticing how we come.
Each person shares a word or phrase of how they come.

Receive

We attend to God through prayer, practicing a modified form of lectio divina.
We choose a guiding word from prayer to return to throughout our meeting.

Respond

Out of listening, we attend to the agenda of the meeting.
We follow Dynamic Governance meeting process.
We pause between agenda items to return to and repeat our guiding word.

Reflect

We reflect at the end of the meeting.
Gratitude: For what we are grateful... *We give you thanks, O God.*
Release: Anything that needs to be released... *Into your hands, O God.*
Invitation: An invitation we hear for the group...

Renew

We close with blessing.
**God before us, God behind us.
God above us, God beneath us.
We on your path, O God.
You, O God, on our way.
In the twisting of the road,
in the winding of the path,
be with us by day, be with us by night,
be with us by day and by night. Amen**