



Suggested Topics for Other Community Nights

Family Background: size of families and position (youngest, oldest, etc.) How are you like/unlike your siblings? How do decisions get made in your family? What kind of neighborhood did you grow up in?

Spirituality: What kind images do you visualize when you think of "spirituality?" What are your motivations for being in this type of work and life? What nourishes this motivation?

What is Ignatian spirituality? Have someone in to explain the consciousness examen, consolation/desolation in terms of one's daily life.

Discussion of **community spirituality nights & prayer:** What is important to individuals in their prayer life/spirituality? What do we want out of community prayer? How will we do this as a group? Share "Spiritual Lifelines".

Church: How do you feel about the Catholic Church or other churches you attend? What do you find hopeful? What is your religious and spiritual background?

Job/Agency: Describe a typical day at work. How do you like your job? What do you do? What are the goals and purpose of your organization? How is it structured? Are you an integral part of the agency? Is there anything that has touched your heart?

Focus on each volunteer's own racism, class-ism, sexism, etc., especially as an aid to help understand their relationship to their work. Bring in speakers to help examine this issue.

A recreational event

A political, economic, and ethnic history of the city/county **to help the volunteers start doing some social analysis in context of where they are living.**

Discuss addictive behaviors: substance abuse, eating disorders, work-aholism, etc. This can be done first in the context of the people whom they serve, but could extend to tendencies in their own lives.

Satisfaction/Disappointment: Any surprises? What has lived up to your expectations? What has not? What would you like to see change? Since the beginning, describe your best and your worst days.

Community: How do you perceive your role in the group? How do you perceive the structure of the community, the roles of each person, the methods by which the group makes plans and decisions, gets chores done, relaxes, has time/no time together, has meeting, etc. How do you feel about community? What is helpful? What are obstacles?

Yourself: What do you do to rejuvenate yourself? What can others do to help you rejuvenate? Do you actually do these things?

Commitment: When things get tough, why do you keep going? What does your commitment this year mean to you?

