

Modified Worship Sharing/Talking Stick:

- Ω **The facilitator** WILL HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR SHARING:
- Ω FORM A **CIRCLE** WHERE EVERYONE CAN **SEE ONE ANOTHER**
- Ω DESIGNATE A **PLACE TO HOLD THE TALKING STICK. RETURN THE TALKING STICK TO THE PLACE** WHEN A SPEAKER HAS **FINISHED**
- Ω SPEAK **ONLY** WHEN YOU ARE **HOLDING THE TALKING STICK**
- Ω PLEASE SPEAK **BRIEFLY 3 TO 5 MINUTES. PLEASE SPEAK ONLY ONCE** UNTIL EVERYONE HAS HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK
- Ω **ONLY SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.** MAKE NO REFERENCE TO ANYTHING SAID BY A PREVIOUS SPEAKER. FOR INSTANCE DO NOT SAY, "I TOTALLY AGREE WITH WHAT JOAN HAS SAID" OR "I AGREE WITH PART OF WHAT JOAN HAS SAID, BUT..." SPEAK YOUR OWN TRUTH EVEN IF IT IS IDENTICAL TO A PREVIOUS SPEAKER
- Ω BEFORE SPEAKING, **BRIEFLY HOLD THE TALKING STICK** AND **THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY** – SPEAK AS THOUGH YOU ARE SPEAKING DIRECTLY BEFORE YOUR CREATOR
- Ω PUT THE TALKING STICK **IN THE DESIGNATED PLACE WHEN YOU ARE DONE SPEAKING**
- Ω THE NEXT PERSON PICKS UP THE TALKING STICK **ONLY WHEN** SHE/HE IS READY TO CONTRIBUTE. DO NOT GO AROUND THE CIRCLE, BUT ALLOW SPEAKERS TO **SELF-SELECT** AS THEY BECOME READY TO SPEAK. YOU CAN **CHOOSE NOT TO SPEAK**
- Ω A TIME OF **SILENCE BETWEEN SPEAKERS** IS **WELCOMED RATHER THAN AVOIDED**
- Ω IF THE MODERATOR PERCEIVES AN **OVERLONG PERIOD** WITH NO ONE SPEAKING, THE MODERATOR MAY **VERBALLY** ASK IF THERE IS A SPEAKER WHO WISHES TO COME FORWARD. IF NO ONE COMES FORWARD TO SPEAK THEN PARTICIPANTS ARE GIVEN THE OPTION OF SPEAKING A **SECOND TIME**