Introduction to the New Beginning Experience Manuals



I. The Process:

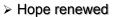


- 2005: Questionnaire sent to teams for initial input
- ➤ 2006: Convention: Half day workshop What needs changing? What's not clear? What's dear to your heart?
- Process interrupted for revision of Coping with Life Alone

The Process (cont'd)

- ➤ 2010 Convention: Draft talk guidelines introduced for team input
- 2011 Regional Conferences: Draft schedule, Reconciliation introduced for team input
- ➤ Spring 2012: Field tested by Cincinnati, Ohio team
- > Approved by Sr. Josephine
- July 2012: Final International Board approval

II. The Message:





- Identity as a Catholic ministry serving all faiths
- Program centered
 on the Resurrection mystery the
 dying and rising of Jesus

> Two new manuals:





Two New Manuals:

OLD

NEW

- One little brown manual + team hand written scripts
- > Two big brown manuals
 - ➤One for each member of presenting team
 - ➤One for the coordinator

III. The NEW <u>Manual for</u> <u>Presenting Team</u>

General Guidelines:

- Process relates to human nature stays the same
 - > Presentation
 - > Written reflection
 - > Small group sharing

More General Guidelines:

- >Updated "package" and presentation
 - > First update in nearly 30 years
 - Outer "package" redesigned for today's participant
 - > "Dated" approaches eliminated
 - ➤ Clearer instruction for teams
 - New resources small group guidelines, music, scripts, sample forms
 - > Opportunity for "Giant Leap" into 21st century!

Hiding the Time is Gone

- No need to cover or remove clocks (Never was in the Old Manual - added by teams)
- > Post a general schedule for participants
- No need to take watches from participants can suggest putting them in a pocket
- Treats participants as adults responsible for their own medications
- > Don't take cell phones ask that they be turned off

Other Guidelines

- > Limit weekend 'extras' no more than three
- Arrangement of chairs relates to size of group; no sitting on floor
- > ONE song AFTER the two talks
- > Team members write WITH participants
- Facilitator Guidelines included for each small group session
- > Presenters have an alternate journaling focus

10 New Changes:



#1: Schedule

OLD NEW

> TWO > ONE
schedules: schedule with
original and options on
alternate Saturday

2: How to Write a Talk

OLD NEW

- ➤ Talk writing guidelines in a separate training manual
- ➤ Talk writing guidelines included in <u>Manual for</u> Presenting Team

Note: Does not replace the "Facilitation Skills Manual for Beginning Experience Teams"

#3: Talk Guidelines

OLD NEW

- Talk included introduction and content
- ➤ Difficult to follow
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- Difficult to follow outline

- Introduction read by Coordinator includes "teaching content"
- Clearer outlines for personal talk

4: Length of Talks

OLD

NEW

➤ 8 – 10 minutes

> 8 minute maximum



#5: Orientation & Focus

OLD NEW

➤ Two scripted parts followed by personal sharing

- ➤Two revised scripts
- ➤ Personal sharing has new outline
- ➤ Personal sharing now called "Coming to the Weekend"

6: Talk Title Changes

OLD NEW

- ➤ Encounter with Self ➤ An Honest Look at Who I Am
- ➤ Symptoms of Spiritual ➤ Grief and the Death of Death
- ➤ Sermon on the Amount ➤ Sharing the Vision
- Closing the Weekend
 Leaving the Weekend

#7: Hand Meditation

OLD

NEW

➤Two versions

Three variations



#8: Trusting Self

OLD

NEW

- > Two handouts:
 - > Intimacy article
 - Sharing continuum
- One handout -Intimacy article
- Revised questions

#9: Reconciliation

OLD

- Team priest as emcee
- No script some teams wrote their own
- Symbols:
 - Burn paper
 - > Draw in sand
 - > Anoint with oil

NEW

- > Team member is emcee
- Priest retains spiritual role
- New script
- > Revised symbols
- ➤ Guidelines for using
- il time to avoid late hour

10: Mass/Closing Liturgy

OLD



No information regarding Communion until Mass begins

NEW

➤ Preparing participants for Mass and Communion included in "Reaching Out" share group

IV. The NEW Manual for Coordinators



Materials for Weekend Preparation:

- New contemporary brochures (available separately)
- Screening guidelines, "scripted conversation" and screening forms
- Multi-purpose Registration Forms
- > Talk chart and Facilitation chart for teams
- Sample letters to clergy, clergy preparation
- Sample letters to counselor on call

Materials for Weekend Presentation:

- Task check lists for team weekend setup
- Schedule to post for participants
- Schedule to complete and copy for Presenters/Facilitators
- Schedule to complete and copy for Coordinators

More Materials:

- Scripted pages in sleeves to take out, read, and return
- > Reproducible questions and handouts
- > Reconciliation script
- Updated song suggestions for each talk
- > Guidelines for song selection
- > Guidelines for small group formation
- > Guidelines for weekend follow-up

V. How It Works:



- > Numbered Manuals and Contracts
- > \$25 Manual for Presenting Team need one for each member
- \$10 off per manual with return of a small brown manual til Nov. 1, 20123
- \$75 Manual for Coordinators need one or two per team
- ➤ Size: 8.5x11—
 - ➤ Bound Manual for Presenting Team
 - Loose leaf Manual for Coordinators

V. How It Works:



Date for all teams to implement:

July 25, 2014

(Start of the International Convention)

