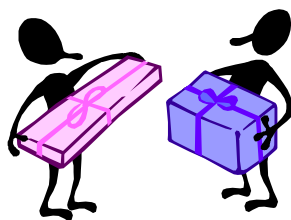


Introductions: The Gifts We Bring

Activity

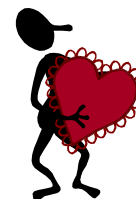


1. Pair up with someone you don't know.
2. Tell your partner your name and one gift you bring to our "coming together" today. Think about gifts of the hands, heart and head:



Gifts of the hands: Something you know how to do; a skill such as gardening, carpentry, quilting, painting, or fly fishing

Gifts of the heart: Something you're really passionate about such as a love for animals or a quality you have such as patience



Gifts of the head: Specialized knowledge you have such as the ability to speak more than one language, accounting, or web design.

3. Write down your partner's name and gift in large print.

Back in large group:

Reflect on how it feels to be positive about our neighbors and ourselves. Imagine the potential power of individual gifts to transform a community. Consider this definition of a stranger: A person in a community whose gifts have not yet been identified. When we know each other's gifts, we are not strangers anymore. We can move forward together.