

Facilitator Guide to Spiritual Conversation

- Summarize the process for the group.
- Assign a time keeper.

1. First Round of Conversation

- Each member, one after the other, shares consolations and/or desolations from his prayer.
- 2 minutes for sharing.
- A person may pass. Then come back to them.
- No discussion or comments.

2. Second Round of Conversation

- How was I affected by what I heard in the first round?
 - O What did I hear in the first round?
 - o Did I experience harmony or dissonance with others as they shared?
 - O How am I feeling now?
- Short intervention (less than 1 minute).
- Speak only once.
- No discussion or comments.

3. Third Round of Conversation

- Name the spiritual movements you have recognized from the second round conversation.
- Conversation and thanksgiving together.
- Each person can make a short prayer if moved.

Facilitator: makes a brief summary at the end. Did one or two key ideas emerge? Were there one or two points that emerged again and again?

Modification and application

This can be modified in any meeting, any issue. The key elements

- Presentation of the issue
- Take 3 mins silence
- Go around the group once in a formal way
- A second round
- A third round where open discussion happens and the strong movements of spirit noted