



CLC Prairie Region  
Fall 2011-Formation Evening  
Preparation Process

Scripture-Micah 6.6-8

Grace-We pray for the grace to discern the presence of the Spirit in the midst of our experiences, to hear the call and to be open to learn.

As Prairie Region Christian Life Community we are called as groups and as individuals to *connect and collaborate with marginalized people, the Society of Jesus, First Nations, and others challenging the root causes and effects of isolation and poverty.*

With the Prairie Region vision statement in mind, you are invited to specifically reflect and prepare for the Fall formation evening by choosing a significant experience from your recent past that connected you with individuals affected by isolation and poverty.(insertion) Using Ignatian tools such as the application of senses stay with the experience in prayer paying attention and noting your responses. Share this experience with Jesus. With Jesus, determine which nugget you will share with the group in Part One of the formation evening.

Revisit your experience, this time engage in the process of analyzing the “bigger” by looking at causes, consequences, stakeholders, powerbrokers, structures and assumptions that influence the situation you have chosen.(social analysis) A resource to support this analysis is attached

Reflect on your analyzed experience with the goal of understanding it more broadly and deeply in the light of lived faith, scripture, church social teaching and the resources of tradition. (theological reflection) Prayerfully reflect using questions such as; what reinforces gospel values, social teaching? What undercut, destroys these values and teachings? Where is Jesus present here? What are the “signs of the Kingdom here? What is the *grace* in this situation, as an opening up to God? The *grace* of the situation is the “heart of the matter.” It is here where the creator is visibly at work. It is here we are called to discern commitment and action.