

WAYS TO MODEL WELCOME

(even for shy people!)

1. Wear your nametag at every event.
2. Facilitate introductions of new people to members.
3. Introduce yourself to folks you don't recognize.
4. Sit with new people or find someone to sit with them at events.
5. Stand in a C instead of a closed circle so others can join in.
6. Use the bulletin/hymnal/prayer book so you are ready to pass it to your neighbor.
7. Sit in the middle of the pew or row so the ends are open for latecomers.
8. Look out for those standing alone or looking lost and introduce yourself.
9. Point out opportunities for others to go introduce themselves.
10. Smile at parents with fussy children.
11. Provide wraps or small blankets in classrooms and church for those that get cold.
12. Ensure signage is effective, well-placed, and maintained.
13. Define or spell out any insider language or acronyms.
14. Be aware when you hug your friends, others may feel like outsiders.
15. Escort people to their destination instead of pointing them in a direction.
16. Use a microphone so all can hear what is said.
17. Provide a few optional large print bulletins/Bibles/prayer books for worship.
18. Make sure warmly passing the peace includes newcomers or those standing alone.
19. Ensure there are gluten-free or vegetarian options at gatherings.
20. Provide non-alcoholic beverages in a "safe space" at gatherings.
21. Offer hearing assistance devices for worship.

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