

# The Stranger

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THE FRIEND WE DO NOT KNOW YET

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# Agenda

- The opportunity
  - The strangers
  - It is all about the stories
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- Group Discussion

# The Opportunity

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- Who are the strangers coming to our churches?
- Why are they coming?
- How can we respond to them?



# Reasons for my Optimism

- Covid has given us a chance to pause
- Rise of the *Nones* and *Dones*
- Our world is constantly changing
- The reputation of the United Church



**Does your community  
make space for people  
who are not typical  
United Church goers?**



**What strengths can we  
draw from our United  
Church tradition?**

# Group Discussion

Do you know what kinds of people are in your neighbourhoods?

Connaissez-vous les types de personne qui résident dans votre voisinage?

How has your church already made space for the strangers in your neighbourhoods?

De quelle façon votre paroisse fait-elle déjà de la place aux étrangers de votre voisinage?

How do we communicate our value of the stranger and invited their gifts to our community?

Comment manifestons-nous notre appréciation à l'égard de l'étranger et comment sollicitons-nous leurs dons dans notre communauté?

Where do we make space to hear the stories of the strangers?

Comment pouvons-nous créer de l'espace pour entendre les récits de vie des étrangers?