

# FAITH ON THE WAY

## **Worksheet 4E : Enquiry and Welcome**

To help group leaders and clergy in the planning of the early meetings of the groups.

### **Practical points**

1. Decide on the people who will be in the group(s). This may depend on a previous decision about whether or not you need an 'Open Space' occasion to meet enquirers before the actual process begins.
2. Decide what meetings are needed before the Service of Welcome. This will depend on how well you know the enquirers and how committed you sense they are to joining the programme.
3. If not already done, fix the date of the Service of Welcome.

### **Session planning**

Consider the 'style' of meetings in the early part of 'the Way'. What have been your experiences so far in these preparation sessions? Look at the areas of welcome, story-telling, listening and faith sharing. What has been good and needs to be incorporated in the group sessions, and what has not been helpful and should be avoided?

Design outlines for the first two meetings. Note what the purpose of the session is. Decide how you will open the session and what work you propose for the group. If you are working as a pair of leaders, decide who will do what in the session.

Decide how you will arrange the room, what refreshments you are to have, and who will provide them. See what equipment, like pencil and paper, books, video etc., you are likely to need. (It is better to have more than you actually use than to run out.)