

CLERGY WIFE PEER GROUP

LET'S CHECK IN:

Check-in time (2-3 minutes each person)

How are you?

- physical health
- spiritual health
- marriage/family
- ministry/parish
- more.....

Opening Prayer:

Apolytikion of Martyr Charitina

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

CHARTER

Goals and Hopes for the Group:

- Fellowship
- Support
- Spiritual Growth
- Share joys and frustrations in a safe setting
- Strengthen faith--take it off the back burner
- Develop connections that have depth, go beyond the surface
- Learn from more experienced clergy wives
- Inspiration

Ground Rules

- Confidentiality
- No swearing
- No judgement
- No giving of advice or trying “fix” others’ problems
- Keep the group a safe space--be able to say anything without fear of repercussions
- Be honest
- Ok to pass if don’t feel ready to share
- Prioritize the group and group meetings
- Respect other jurisdictions whose practices or traditions are different than your own.
- Be Open. Be Confidential. Be Vulnerable.

REPENTANCE

What regular opportunities for repentance does the church offer you?



**What do you think of this quote
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer?:**

**“The first service that one owes to others
in the fellowship consists in listening to
them. Just as love to God begins with
listening to His word, so the beginning of
love for the brethren is learning to listen
to them ... the obligation of listening”.**

What is easy about listening for you?

What is difficult?



Bow down thy ear cheerfully to the poor, and pay what thou owest, and answer him peaceable words with mildness.

Be swift to hear, but slow to answer.

Before listening, do not say a word, interrupt no one in the midst of speaking.

(Wisdom of Sirach 4:8, 5:11, 11:8)

Speaking and Listening

