

## *An Opening Prayer*

*God, We ask you to bless this meeting and the members gathered here tonight. You have said that where two or three of us gather together, that you would meet with us. We welcome you now. We have come to be with you. We have come to learn. We give ourselves to you to receive instruction in how to live responsibly as your people. We ask you to guide us. Help us to come closer to you and grant us new ways to live in gratitude for the gift of your love and forgiveness. In Jesus name. Amen*