

## Touchstones Theme: Communion



New People came this time, and we shared our stories, the familiar truths, about shock and healing and being glad that at last our children can say who they are, and we know them now, love them more. Funny stories and good news ripple around, and smiles about lesbigay ways, and jokes, against ourselves, taking the masks off to show the same donkey faces underneath. A communion of laughter. And several dawns once more lit up among us, the sharpness of beginning sight, a slower sunrise over the years, other eye-openings—painful or proud—all good. A communion of wisdom. But this time—we nearly all wept: wept with the blinding new hurts, winced with what we thought had been healed—old wounds, waiting. We put the tissue box in the middle and passed it round. A communion of tears. *Geoffrey Herbert*

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The core symbolism of the Water Communion is that we all come from water: as a species on a planet where life began in the ocean, as mammals who float in amniotic fluid as we are readied for birth, as beings whose cells are mostly water. And yet we are separate from each other.... We are separate and together, the way water scatters into rain and streams and clouds and springs and ponds and puddles and yet flows together again and again, one great planetary ocean. Not only is no drop of water superior to any other; all water comes from the same place.

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## Join us in exploring Communion

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