

## THE MINISTRY OF GREETING

Through the welcoming and greeting of people, the congregation practices love.

You only have one opportunity to make a good impression!

“Let people know they matter to God by showing them they matter to you.”

Ask: “How would it feel being a stranger visiting this church?”

Then: Let your greeting be done in such a way that the stranger is made to feel welcomed, and “at home.”

Greeters have four responsibilities:

1. A warm smile
2. A friendly handshake
3. A cheery “Hello” or “Good Morning”
4. A helping hand (should worshipers need assistance)

**Some “Don’t’s”**

1. Don’t be late—be at your post 30 minutes before the service begins
2. Don’t try to guess if someone is a visitor—treat everyone as if they belonged
3. Don’t “chit chat” with regulars

**Some “Do’s”**

1. Do wear a name tag
2. Do stay at the point of entrance to greet late comers
3. Do secure a replacement if you are unable to be there
4. Do greet people again as they leave the worship service
5. Do show visitors where the nursery, restrooms, etc. are
6. Do be helpful (opening and holding doors open, walking people to their car, bring an umbrella for rainy days, etc.)
7. Do stay alert and be prepared to help in emergencies