

Key Points on Ecumenical Hospitality

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1. It is important to be open to God speaking to us in contexts different from the context of our formation. (We resonate with the tradition of our formation but we must always remember that our spirits are drawn by God, who transcends the flawed human boundaries of denominationalism and tradition.)
2. It is important to critically thinking of liturgical practices as CHRISTIAN practices rather than DENOMINATIONAL ones and thus being able to respect, understand, and perhaps even appreciate and embrace, the ways in which fundamentally Christian practices are practiced in other traditions.
3. It is important to be open to understanding that the particular traditions of the Christian church are part of the larger narrative of Christian history, the Christian Church, and God's history with us all as the Church and His people.
4. It is important to be open to the Gospel imperative for each of us to be truly welcoming (non-judgmental and non-dismissive), loving, and embracing of our sisters and brothers in Christ because God and the Gospel require it and it is to our benefit.