

# The Art of Community

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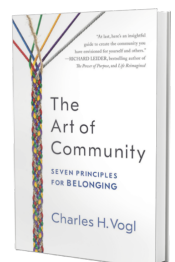
Communities have an initiation ceremony of some kind, by which new members know that they are officially welcomed.

What is an activity that is understood as official recognition and welcome into the community?  
(no matter how small the activity)

How can visitors become recognized as members?

How do they learn how to become a member?

Would members appreciate an option for a more ritualized initiation?



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#### **INITIATION RITUAL**

Where do you prefer initiation to take place (if anywhere)?

What is/should be said?

Who leads or is present for the initiation?

#### **TOKEN**

What item do you give members to take and remind them of their belonging?

#### **PRIVILEGES**

What privileges do members gain when welcomed inside the community?  
(Closer connection, respect, more access, and understanding all count)

