



Healing Our Church is a six-session, faith-sharing resource for parish small groups.

Role of Small-Group Facilitators

The role of the small-group facilitators is twofold:

1. to create a welcoming and safe atmosphere in which the participants are encouraged to share their thoughts and feelings without judgement
2. to keep the meeting on track, not letting it wander into other agendas

It is important that the members of this team have the time necessary to attend training and prepare properly.

Qualities of Small-Group facilitators

The qualities of a small-group facilitator for the *Healing Our Church* process include:

- Able to listen without judgement
- Compassionate
- Calm/self-possessed
- Understanding
- Prayerful
- Hopeful

Responsibilities include:

- Become familiar with the Healing Our Church process
- Attend training for small-group facilitators
- Prepare for each meeting
- Set a welcoming and safe environment
- Assure privacy
- Listen compassionate
- Keep the discussion on track
- Encourage participants to live their faith through action
- Provide feedback to the parish team and Diocese

RENEW International pastoring staff will be available to answer questions from team members throughout the process.