

Advanced Twinning Workshop  
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Spirituality of Twinning Notes

**Spirituality of Twinning:**

“... Take off your shoes for the ground you are treading is holy.”

Recognition of gifts, humility, detachment and respect.

How are we respecting our Partners?

- Developing a mutual covenant
- Visits are mutual, hopeful, faithful... there is prayer for each other
- Key values – relationship and hospitality
- Global church realized
- Diversity in local and partner relationship
- Looking at commonality
- Twinning because we see ourselves as ‘the body’
- Prepare ways to communicate between individuals who do not speak the same language
- Explore values
- It’s about relationships – encountering Christ in the relationship

How are we not building respect?

- Through the media’s ‘if it bleeds it leads’ mentality.
  - This leads to the belief that ‘we are better’
  - Makes it difficult to build relationship of equals
- Too much focus on project and not enough on relationship
- Judging
- Parishes can be too self-serving, acting as ‘islands’ (Internally directed energy)