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In John 13, we see the drama of Jesus being the servant. As we come to the foot washing, we come before our Lord in confession in a two-fold action. First, as we have our feet washed; we renew our baptismal vows of love and loyalty to Him and are cleansed for service. We are spiritually transformed by Christ to be His vessels.

Secondly, in the name of Christ, we kneel and wash the feet of others and convey Christ's grace and love for them to experience faith anew and be transformed into servants. Being servants we draw out their talents for ministry as servants of Christ. We are transformed as well into being servant leaders.

What a blessing we experience both as our feet are washed and as we wash the feet of others. Spiritual transformation happens at both ends of the towel. In this folder we describe twelve traits of the servant. By daily reading and meditating on these texts, we grow in our understanding of being a servant and a servant leader.

Possible prayer pattern

- Release all cares and center on God's love for you and the Good News.
- Read the text of the day. Re-read it in a slow meditative manner. Pause after each word or phrase and take in its meaning. Meditate on it for today. What word or phrase speaks to you in a special way?
- Pray prayers of intention asking God to help you follow that text this day. Voice prayers of thanksgiving or repentance or intercession. Pray for members of the class and their churches.
- Practice a time of silence, listening to God speaking to you and voice your prayers of surrender and hoped for action this day as a servant

September 8, 2013 – The Invitation to Spiritual Transformation

Message: “Spiritual Transformation in the Towel” – John 13:1-17

Trait 1 Servant/Servant Leaders enter spiritual transformation

<i>Mon. 9/9:</i>	Jesus’ Perfect Love for His own and us	John 13:1
<i>Tues. 9/10:</i>	Two factors surround Jesus’ service	John 13:2-3
<i>Wed. 9/11:</i>	Jesus’ and our preparation to be a servant	John 13:4-5
<i>Thurs. 9/12:</i>	Jesus’ invitation to wash our feet	John 13:6-11
<i>Fri. 9/13:</i>	Jesus’ invitation to wash other’s feet	John 13:12-14
<i>Sat. 9/14:</i>	The blessings of being a servant	John 13:15-17

September 15, 2013 – The Call to Be a Servant/Servant Leader

Message: “Our Call by Jesus and a New Job Description”

Luke 5:1-11 and Isaiah 42: 1-2

Trait 2: Servants/Servant Leaders are Called and Strengthened

<i>Mon. 9/16:</i>	Jesus calls the first disciples (calls us today)	Matt. 4:18-22
<i>Tues. 9/17:</i>	A brother is instrumental in a call	John 1:40-42
<i>Wed. 9/18:</i>	Jesus calls us on our job (story of Levi)	Mark 2:13-14
<i>Thurs. 9/19:</i>	Samuel’s call in the temple (church)	1 Samuel 3:1-14
<i>Fri. 9/20:</i>	The call of Lydia while going to prayer	Acts 16:11-15
<i>Sat. 9/21:</i>	The call of a youth to go on a mission	Acts 16:1-5

September 22, 2013 –Servant/Servant Leaders Listen to God

Message: “Having Our Ears Opened Every Morning” – Isaiah. 50:4

Trait 3: Servant/Servant Leaders Listen

<i>Mon. 9/23:</i>	After baptism, Jesus hears God’s voice	Matt. 3:13-17
<i>Tues. 9/24:</i>	The need to listen to God for his voice	2 Kings. 17:35-41
<i>Wed. 9/25:</i>	The invitation to listen to God’s Son	Mark 9:2-8
<i>Thurs. 9/26:</i>	In His anguish Jesus listens to God	Matt. 26:36-46
<i>Fri. 9/27:</i>	Be quick to listen to others, slow to speak	James 1:19
<i>Sat. 9/28:</i>	Listening to God’s voice to be a light	Isaiah 49:1-6

Sept. 29, 2013 –The Way of the Cross—self-sacrifice and humility

Message: “The Way of the Cross and Humility” –Matt. 23:1-12

Trait 4: Servants/Servant Leaders live the way of the cross and self-sacrifice and learn the way of humility

<i>Mon. 9/30:</i>	The Cost of Discipleship	Luke 14:25-32
<i>Tues. 10/1:</i>	Christ the Power and Wisdom of God	1 Cor. 1:18-25
<i>Wed. 10/2:</i>	Come to me...for I am gentle and humble	Matt. 11:28-30
<i>Thurs. 10/3:</i>	The Servant song, humbling ourselves	Phil. 2:1-11
<i>Fri. 10/4:</i>	Walking Humbly with our God	Micah 6:8
<i>Sat. 10/5:</i>	Humble yourselves before the Lord	James 4:4b-10

October 6, 2013 – World Communion Sunday

**Servants/Servant Leaders are Spiritually Centered
and lead from a heart of peace**

Message: “Servants Operate from Peace in a Storm—Mark 4:35-41

Trait 5: Spiritually Centered with a Heart of Peace

<i>Mon. 10/7:</i>	“Trust and obey, for there’s no other way”	Matt. 14:22-33
<i>Tues. 10/8:</i>	Spiritual Discernment arises in stillness	John 8:1-11
<i>Wed. 10/9:</i>	Be still and know that I am God	Psalm 46:10
<i>Thurs. 10/10:</i>	Servants lead from inner wholeness	Isaiah 53:4-5
<i>Fri. 10/11:</i>	The little one who leads has peace	Micah 5: 4-5
<i>Sat. 10/12:</i>	The fruit of the Spirit is ...peace	Galatians 5:22

October 13, 2013 Servant/Servant Leaders Act in Love

Message: “They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love”

Matthew 5:43-48, Isaiah 42:3

Trait 6: Servant/Servant Leaders Act in the Manner of Love

<i>Mon. 10/14:</i>	“the father has loved me; so I have loved you”	John 15: 9
<i>Tues. 10/15</i>	“Love one another as I have loved you”	John 15:12
<i>Wed. 10/16:</i>	“Who is my neighbor?”	Luke 10:25-37
<i>Thurs. 10/17:</i>	“Be merciful, just as your Father...”	Luke 6:32-36
<i>Fri. 10/18:</i>	The greatest gift	1 Corinthians 13:4-7
<i>Sat. 10/19:</i>	Truth and Love	2 John 4-6

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Our prayer is that as the folder is used that it can draw us into more Christ-like service, first with our own lives as vessels and as servants of Christ for others. You may contact David at davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org

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SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER!
September 8 – October 19, 2013
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