

Name _____

Date _____

Religious Service Visitation Form

Name/Type of Service Visited: _____

Address/location: _____

1. The People

- A. About how many other people were present at this service?
- B. What kinds of things did you notice about the majority of the people present?
(Age, ethnic or cultural group, rich/poor, casual/formal dress, etc.)
- C. How much did the people interact with each other? Were people largely observing what those leading out were doing, were they actively participating in what was going on, was it an individual thing — just between them and God, or what?
- D. Was there a religious leader directing the service? If so, did he seem to be on the same level as the other worshipers, or did he seem to be on a different spiritual level? Explain.
- E. Did people appear to be “into” what was going on, or did they seem to be merely going through the motions?

- F. How did people relate to you being there? (Were they friendly and helpful; hostile and suspicious; were you ignored, etc.)

2. The Service

- G. Make a brief outline of what took place at the service:
- H. What kinds of symbols did you notice being used in the service? (Special furniture, statues, banners, symbols in stained glass windows, other items, etc.)
- I. What kinds of ceremonies/rituals did you observe taking place, and what did they mean? (Baptism, communion, signs, gestures, etc.)
- J. Was there any significance to the way the room was set up to what was happening? (Who sat where, shape of room, arrangement of seats, etc.)
- K. What thing or event seemed to be the most important part of the service? (Ceremony, ritual, sermon, etc.)
- L. What seemed to be the central message, point, or purpose of the service?

3. Your Reaction

Did you feel comfortable or uncomfortable with what was taking place? Explain your feelings as best you can.

N. Were there things you saw, observed, or experienced that you would like to have as a part of your own religious experience? Explain.

O. Were there things that you definitely disagreed with and would not like to have as a part of your religious experience? Explain.

P. What were some of the similarities and differences between what you observed, and what you experience in the worship services you most often attend?

Similarities:

Differences:

Q. Other comments/observations: