The Person Being Formed

This worksheet offers you a variety of statements on what it looks like to have Christian character and take a Christian stance. As this is for people in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition the worksheet tilts in that direction.

Circle all that draw you. Draw a circle around any phase that speaks to the kind of person you long to be.

Then, place a mark next to one that most expresses your desire at this point in your life.

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen. (Baptismal Rite BCP)

Humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance born of love, eagerness to maintain unity in the bond of peace, truthfulness mediated in love, mutual kindness, tenderheartedness and forgiveness (Ephesians) and love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians).

John Macquarrie wrote about the direction God takes us in, "The end, we have seen reason to believe, would be a commonwealth of free, responsible beings united in love."

You are the Body of Christ....That is to say; in you and through you the method and work of the Incarnation must go forward. You are meant to incarnate in your lives the themes of your adoration. You are to be taken, consecrated, broken, and made a means of grace; vehicles of the Eternal Charity. Evelyn Underhill

Charles Williams saw exchange as an act of holiness. It was how the Holy City functioned: Having nothing yet possessing all things; forgive us as we forgive; leave house and family for the Kingdom and receive more in the present time and in the world to come; losing life to find life. It is the process of giving and taking among us and between God and us. It is living from and for one another.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:8-9)