

Notes to the Leader for Session 19– Member has Left the Group

This ritual is intended for when a member of the group has left, and will not be returning for a closing session with them. There is a separate ritual for use when the member has announced they will be leaving the group, but is returning for one last session.

Preparation

In advance of the session, notify members that the person will be leaving, and ask them to think about one thing they would like to share with the group about that member's participation in the group. Use your own judgment based on what you know of your group and of the member, but this ritual should probably be done at the beginning of the session to mark the first time you are meeting without him or her.

Have a card to place on the altar. It may have some special reading or poem that you know the individual liked, or it may be blank.

Notice there is a word in the opening reading that is often mispronounced. Taoist is pronounced “dowist”. (Dow rhymes with now.)