

# Community

*From Volunteers Exploring Vocation*

## Scripture reading

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

—*Colossians 3:12-15*

## Reflection

Beginning a time of service is an opportunity to join a new community. Read aloud the words from Colossians, which are above. Then read them carefully a second time, listening for the words or phrases that jump out for you most distinctly. In your opinion, what is the most important part from this passage?

## Questions

As you encounter people in your new community, think about these questions:

- What are some of the ways we seem to be similar to each other?

- What are some ways we are different?
  
- What can I learn from our differences and similarities?

### Prayer

Close your time of reflection by reading Colossians 3:12-15 again and end by simply saying, “Amen.”



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Paula Klatter (left) and Estella Sandweg check out the unit chore chart.