***Hospitality***

"***Hospitality is not to change people but to offer a space where change can take place. It is not to lead our neighbour into a corner where there are no alternatives left, but to open a wide spectrum of options for choice and commitment.  The paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness… not a fearful emptiness, but a friendly emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free; free to sing their own songs, speak their own languages, dance their own dances; free also to leave and follow their own vocations.  Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the lifestyle of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guest to find his or her own"(****Henri Nouwen)*

*Nouwen, Henri J.M., 1975 ‘Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life’, Image Books, Doubleday, New York.*