

**Turning Circle Ritual Guidelines**  
(Some general information to assist ritual leaders)

- Both members and friends of Turning Circle may volunteer to lead a ritual.
- There is a document called “ritual supplies” in the Turning Circle yahoo group files section that lists the supplies kept in the plastic tubs at OBIC. Also, do not hesitate to send email to the Turning Circle yahoo group if you are looking for something specific; other people are willing to share and may have what you need.
- Do not hesitate to email any of the TC officers if you need help designing a ritual or would like feedback.

General email: [tcofficers@yahoo.com](mailto:tcofficers@yahoo.com)

Individual emails:

Alex/Phoenix – [alex@alembic.crystal.com](mailto:alex@alembic.crystal.com)

Mav – [mav.vaughan@gmail.com](mailto:mav.vaughan@gmail.com)

Patti/Selene – [elwysattic@gmail.com](mailto:elwysattic@gmail.com)

Chris/Indigo – [indigo@turningcircle.org](mailto:indigo@turningcircle.org)

- Write-ups of previous Turning Circle rituals can be found in the “files” section of the TC yahoo group in the “our rituals” folder. These are a great resource for ideas and things to do, and they may also be reused. There are also some ritual examples located at the Turning Circle website (<http://www.turningcircle.org>) under the “Resources” tab.
- About one week before the ritual, write a short description of the ritual (1 or 2 paragraphs) including any special notes/instructions (for example, if you want people to bring or wear something special to the ritual) and email it to the Turning Circle yahoo group. Also send a short synopsis (one or two sentences) to [tcofficers@yahoo.com](mailto:tcofficers@yahoo.com) for posting on Witchvox.
- Pre-setup time for rituals: 7:15 pm.
- Ritual gathering time/setup: 7:30 pm.
- Candles of Joy & Concern (pre-ritual): 7:45 pm. Generally allow 10-15 minutes for Candles of Joy & Concern, with the main ritual immediately following. Plan for rituals to conclude by 9:00 pm.
- Potluck feast/cleanup: 9:00-9:30 pm.
- As ritual is a service in sacred space, taking of photos is not permitted during ritual, but, at his or her discretion, the leader may briefly relight altar candles and allow photos when the ritual is concluded. Encourage people to ask questions following rather than during ritual.
- After the ritual, if desired, share your ritual in the “our rituals” folder in the “files” section of the TC yahoo group for people to refer to. Or, email it to any of the officers for posting.