**2005 Candlemas Ritual Outline**

* Drum is beating as women enter to be blessed. Women stay in a line and circle the altar until all have entered. Continue around as women stop at the chairs. Still standing, call in the Directions with the song:
* “Power, power we are calling…North, north we are calling…”
* Name ritual: “I Am” statements
* Activity: Postures for strength and power
* Activity: 4 stations-15 min. each:

Air Table: Collage of Dreams-decorate folders

Earth Table: Rune Stones-consult rune oracle and decorate own rune stone

Water Table: Group poem (flowing emotion)

Fire Table: Candle decorating (one symbol)

* Regroup: Sharing-State intentions, light candle
* Blessing for initiates-Initiates stay in the circle; elder group stand in a circle around initiates; everyone at the same time whisper a blessing into initiate’s ears; then everyone moves one person and they whisper a blessing into the next initiate’s ear, etc.
* Read group poem
* Closing