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Session Summary

This session offers an innovative approach for engaging faculty in the development and deepening of their own multicultural sensitivity, for improving pedagogy, and in turn promoting second-order change within students as they engage with multicultural competencies. Broader systemic issues are also addressed given the university’s contextual setting as a faith-based, primarily Caucasian institution.
University Identifiers
- Private, Quaker; Pacific North West
- Undergraduate = rural; Graduate = branch, commuter
- Undergraduate: Primarily white, conservative, upper-middle class
- Graduate: Primarily white, diverse in faith & socioeconomics

Administrative Support
- Understands our professional competencies
- Able to represent our work to multiple stakeholders
- Co-presents and authors case study series re our university's engagement with our privileged identities
- Funds a VP of Diversity & Inclusion

Integration of Faith & Practice
- 50%+ students identify with Christian tradition
- Deconstruct faith & culture: As source of strength and pain
- Know own self as preamble to honoring client
- Dynamics of privilege and marginalization central concern in all faith systems even as these systems become distorted and perpetuate it

Student Developmental Processes
- Begin with gentle engagement to build trust and tolerance for the dissonance and increased vulnerability to follow
- Activities to build multicultural sensitivities via 2nd order change

Faculty Developmental Processes
- Begin with gentle engagement to build trust and tolerance for the dissonance and increased vulnerability to follow
- Learn as we go

Activities
- University-wide faculty diversity trainings
- Cultural genogram - personal stories
- Sharing pedagogical strategies, activities
- Shared readings
- Peer consults
- Experiential exercises (ie., sandtray activity)
- Professional presentations
- Shifts in student assignments
- Personal work - ongoing
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Thank you for participating in our Reflecting Team activity. This work is hard. It is more than academic and skill building. It requires deep change within each of us as well as broader systemic change.

We hope we provided an example of how we, as a faculty, promote 2nd order change through being vulnerable even as we strive to hear each other’s experience and perceptions.

Thank You!

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