

APPRECIATING OUR CONNECTEDNESS

PURPOSE

To enhance the values of inclusivity inherent in our faith traditions

PARTICIPANT OBJECTIVES

To encourage the women to examine, identify, and celebrate their individual as well as collective values of inclusivity, pluralism, unity, etc. and gain new information and insight on the positive sources of each religion.

PROCESS

Welcome by co-leaders and host

Members are encouraged to think about their beliefs and attitudes that bring inclusivity or encourage pluralism, in relations to other faith beliefs of other members in the group. Also each member is asked to bring an item or something that represent such values in their faith.

DIALOGUE

What values, beliefs, and rituals in my faith encourage me to reach out to other faith groups?
What positive features, characteristics, or beliefs does your faith attribute, teach or imply about the other faith group in the room? What are the rituals or stories that support such perceptions?

How are such religious beliefs or norms expressed in your daily live?