

SHARING OUR STORIES

PURPOSE

Introduce personal narratives, or story telling, and increase comfort levels with incorporating into communication

PARTICIPANT OBJECTIVES

- To understand the role of personal stories/narratives in our lives
- To expose participants to the approach of story telling
- To reinforce the significance of personal narratives to identity formation, to strengthen one's personal identity, sense of belonging to a community, and to focus on mutual commonalities and shared values

PROCESS

Welcome by co-leaders and host Welcome and introduction, sharing of good and welfare, purpose is to discuss the significance of interfaith dialogue and religious pluralism

- Explain story telling and how this is the key to full dialogue and communication
- Explain the connections between interfaith dialogue and sharing our stories of religious pluralism. Tied into this story is the belief that dialogue is about listening and speaking. In listening to and taking in the story of another we are participating in an act of compassion.

DIALOGUE

- What is the story that most represents what your faith means to you?
- Tell a story that has transformed your life
- How can each of your personal narratives be intertwined to form the narrative of our new community?