



How can we foster enriching interfaith conversations?

An Encountering Other Faiths Webinar Series



Encountering Other Faiths Facilitator Training Background



Getting to know our webinar cohort...

Modalities of Interfaith Dialogue

(Page 42 in the Workbook for *Encountering Other Faiths*)

Dialogue as a posture; beyond conversation.

- The neighborly dimension or modality.
- The practical or 'making common cause' dimension or modality.
- The depth or spiritual dimension or modality.
- The cognitive dimension or modality.

Modalities of Interfaith Dialogue

The neighborly dimension or modality, where we are open to and work to become friends in places where we live, work and socialize together, thus creating a culture of welcome for ourselves, our children and for the tasks we undertake.

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The practical or 'making common cause' dimension or modality, where we collaborate to help humanity and to address human problems and issues.

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The depth or spiritual dimension or modality, where we experience the Other's religion or ideology from within or join together in rituals or celebrations.

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The cognitive dimension or modality, where we seek understanding of the truth, beauty, and goodness in various faiths, as equals, not attempting to proselytize or convert on another.

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DISCUSSION & SHARING EXAMPLES

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Best Practices for Interfaith Programming

- Recognize the various modalities & how that connects with your purpose / goal
- Recognize the stages in the process of interfaith dialogue (see page 40 in the Workbook) & meet people where they are

Best Practices for Interfaith Programming

- Honor the logistics
- Honor questions & curiosity throughout

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- Pay as much (or more) attention to attendance & diversity of participants as you do the content of what you'll cover
- Pay attention to the framework
 - Opening/closing
 - Diverse voices of leadership
 - Guidelines for dialogue (see page 39 in the Workbook)
 - Small groups (at least 40 minutes for adults)

Best Practices for Interfaith Programming

- Value hyper-local work
- Value long-term commitment & relationships
- Value institutions & leadership as well as grassroots participants
- Value intergenerational connections

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QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



Closing & Next Steps

Thank you for your participation today!