Dialogue: An Invitation to a New Conversation

Dialogue avoids:

• Predictable debates on contentious issues
• The polarization and hardening of fixed positions
• Premature solutions

Dialogue invites:

• Genuine inquiry
• Developing the discipline to hear other perspectives that may at first appear to threaten one’s own
• Expanding one’s capacity for tolerance
• Participants to be changed by the process

Dialogue develops:

• A deepening of human relationships
• New insights and understanding through the creative tension of tolerating difference
• New and unexpected responses to complex problems

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