

The Deeper Conversation

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Goals of Session

- To share the journey that Nu Epsilon chapter has begun started to have deeper conversations of understanding of Racial Relationships.
- Share resources we have used.

How Did It Start?

- This year we had a hostess group plan each meeting.
- February came and the hostess group discussed a theme for the month and chose Black History - we planned.
- Plan revised after checking resources.
- We had the first meeting and it was well received. The member's enthusiasm and comments at the meeting gave us direction to continue the journey.
- The chapter decided to encourage hostess groups to consider how to add something to each meeting that continued the conversation.



So Close Yet So Far Away!

Debby Krueger

Too long the divide
Black on one side, white on the other.
Close enough to touch our dirty socks or do our bid
But not close enough to compete on level ground

You can live or compete
-But stay behind the red line, at the back of the bus, behind bars, or on the court.

“I don’t treat them like that” you say,
But we allow the uneven playing field.
I’m proud to be an American one nation under God.

I just wish we would live like it.
We’d live in faith not fear.

Jesus taught us to be the Good Samaritan.

Will We!

Heal the hurting

Will We!

Build instead of destroy.

Will We!

Now, is the time

To listen – not deny

See – with our eyes and heart

Throw away stereotypes on both sides

And look for the truth from the one above.

It’s time

To be part of the

Conversation.

Part of the Solution.

NOW!

Self-Assess

- Use the handout to review your prior knowledge on Racial Relationships.
- You will have 1 min. to complete.
- You will have 1 min. to share with an elbow partner.



01:00

Sue Borrego—
Understanding
My Privilege

TED^x PasadenaWomen
x = independently organized TED event

Turn To Your Neighbor and Share...



01:00

- Take a minute to quietly reflect on what stands out to you in the Ted Talk “Understanding My Privilege”.
- Now , for 2 minutes, a minute a person, share with a neighbor.
- I will raise my hand at one minute and say “Switch.” You will switch speakers.
- At the end of two minutes, I will raise my hand, as you see me, please raise your hand and bring your thought to close.

Final Word Protocol

- The next hostess group wanted to continue the Deeper Conversation at our next meeting.
- We used Peggy McIntosh's article "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack" for this meeting.
- We reminded members to read it and choose 2 scenarios from page 2 that we would discuss in each breakout group.
- We used the Final Word Protocol for this meeting.

The Final Word Protocol



01:00

- We are handing out page 2 of the White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack.
- Please take 2 min to choose 2 - 3 points you want to respond to and look at the letter sent to members with the protocol.
- First, divide yourselves into groups of 3 - 4 and decide who will share first, second and third.
- We may not get to do the full process with each of you, but we will do at least one rotation in each group.
- Let's do it.

Results of Meetings: Learned and Observed

- Members enjoyed the opportunity to share thoughts.
- We practiced before each meeting via Zoom and adjusted the time accordingly.
- We had a bag delivered to each member before the meetings where we added the articles to be discussed, newsletter, and treats.
- During the Deeper Conversation discussion, comments catalyzed a journey we decided to embark on.

What's Next?



Projects

Providing a safe environment

Planning

Where Do You See Your Chapter?

- What would Annie Webb Blanton say?
“Everything that helps to wear away age old prejudices' contributes towards the advancement of women and humanity.”
- How can I start The Deeper Conversation in my chapter?