Dialogue/Civil Discourse Tips, Resources & Actions

Personal Behavior Tips

Social Media

- Don't be victim or contributor to fake news or divisiveness!
 - · If item has no link for more info, is probably fake
 - Don't be so quick to "like" or forward even if you agree
 - If can't determine credibility...STOP; "let it go"

News

- Don't only watch MSNBC or Fox News;
- REMEMBER: To make \$, ALL media stoke emotions, so you stay tuned
- Try BBC TV World News; Christian Science Monitor (www.csmonitor.com)

Don't Despair; Act!

Simple: Sign and promote online pledges

- "Revive Civility" Pledge at https://nicd.arizona.edu/citizens-pledge
- "Stand Up for the Other Pledge" at www.njifc.org

Start something small on your own

- One-One conversation; E. Lesser of the Omega Institute www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth_lesser_take_the_other_to_lunch
- Find or create small group; www.Livingroomconversations.org

Become part of emerging MCWRET Civil Conversation Project

Resources

Web Sites/Videos/TV

- www.handsacrossthehills.org (HATH); 2 communities cross the political divide video: http://nepr.net/post/kentucky-group-gives-western-mass-lesson-coal-country#stream/0
- 60+ free songs by Sarah Pirtle including HATH, http://sarahpirtle.com/hope-sings/
- www.civilconversationsproject.org/resources
 - o Tippett video (and transcript) on civil discourse
- www.civilpolitics/org "improving relations across divides"
- National Institute for Civil Discourse; https://nicd.arizona.edu/about
- http://traubman.igc.org/global.htm LOTS of resources on dialogue
- Oprah Winfrey "60 Minutes" segment on civil discourse (video and transcript) www.cbsnews.com/news/oprah-follows-up-with-the-partisan-voters-in-michigan/

Books

- "The Righteous Mind..." by Jonathon Haidt
- "How to Win Friends ..." by Dale Carnegie

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