

Religious Diversity: Roundtable Discussion

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Welcome and Introductions

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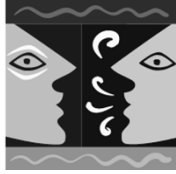
- Who you are
- Why you chose this roundtable today

Word Association

What comes to mind as you listen?



Debrief and Discuss



What is Religion?

Merriam-Webster

- the belief in a god or in a group of gods
- an organized system of beliefs, ceremonies, and rules used to worship a god or a group of gods
- an interest, a belief, or an activity that is very important to a person or group

What is Religion?

...it is difficult to give an authoritative definition for what religion is.

~ Winfried Corduan

...there is no one essence that all religions share.

~ Stephen Prothero

...how people make sense of reality and how they should act in it.

~ Roberta Green Ahmanson

...a map for what the universe is really like and a navigation system for how to conduct one's life

~ T. S. Shah & M. Duffy Toft

The Importance of Religion

"We need to broaden our own paradigm of reality so as to include religion as a motivator of human behavior."

~ Roberta Green Ahmanson, *Blind Spot*

Questions for Discussion



Some Next Steps

- Closing thoughts
- Resources for exploring and learning
- Awareness – seeing past our blind spots
- Ongoing discussion