



Spiritual Leadership for Culture Change: Community of Practice

Pre-work for Gathering #9: September 2023

Theme: *Returning Again to Practice*

Review

For those who have not attended a previous gathering or who need a refresher, please review

- our "[Community Expectations and Covenanting Practice](#)"
- the [practices of Spiritual Leadership](#)

Read

- Wren Bellavance-Grace's recent post on the Practices Makes Possible Blog: [Living Our Words To Live By](#)
- [The Practices of Liberating Governance](#), a reflection from NER staff

Reflect

After reading the two pieces above, consider your answer to these questions and record some notes [here](#)* to stabilize your thinking.

1. Using brown's questions for reflecting on practices, consider both yourself and your congregation:
 - a. What do you *say* you're practicing?
 - b. What are you *actually* practicing?
 - c. What do you *want* to be practicing?

** We are using public notetaking to support accountability of this community and reinforce the principles of a Community of Practice. Please let Hilary Allen know if you have any trouble using the Google Doc. If you are not able to make public notes, please do at least take notes somewhere. We will refer back to the group's collaborative notes when we gather.*

Part of what makes this Community of Practice valuable is the reflection participants do ahead of time. Please come prepared to learn and share.