

CALL FOR PRIVATE CONSULTATION

Reconciliation Railroad

The Experience

This contextual learning experience is designed as an avenue to help participants see parts of the local communities with new eyes. Encouraged with written resources and assist with explanations, participants can expand their personal portfolio of knowledge of various communities that are different from their own. The experience also offers interpersonal exchange with other participants and locals which will also encourage cultural growth. While moving through unfamiliar social and cultural communities, historical contexts will align with the visual experience. This program will expose participants to new places and the people who live there and will provide a process for critical reflection. Participants will gain a better understanding of social, cultural, physical and financial contrasts in communities.

Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Reflect upon their own new experiences and align them with what they hoped to realize during the journey;
- Consider their own personal social and cultural identity, and its impact on this experience;
- Define, five or more learning components that were a part of the Railroad to Reconciliation experience;
- Illustrate how this learning experience has a direct correlation to reconciliation;
- Address how this contextual experience has impacted them personally;

- Finally, but most importantly, address how the way participants have learned to see diverse communities and people with “new eyes”.

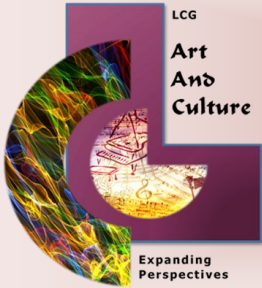


Price Varies

(Changes per scheduled event— email for current price and location)

Location: Leaving from Martinez, CA

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LCC Art and Culture Catalog

The Open Passport

Expanding Artistic and Cultural Perspectives  
Through Events and Academies

DON'T LOCK  
YOURSELF IN.

THE WORLD  
EXTENDS BEYOND  
YOUR OWN  
COMMUNITY.

EXPAND YOUR  
CIRCLE OF LIFE!

There is a world full of new,  
exciting experiences that may  
increase your understanding  
of culture and the beauty of  
artistic expression.



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# The Open Passport

## Catalog of Learning Events

**Designer/Facilitator:** Lonnie Graves has been a college instructor, trainer, speaker, presenter and keynoter at many locations and events across the United States. She designs custom curriculum and training materials and has served with a number of institutions as a provider of leadership development programs. Graves has directed groups within the U.S. and in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.



## Contextual Learning Opportunities

### Kaleidoscope Perspective of Color, Light, life and Justice

*Hear the voice of one, who for more than four decades, expressed love, life, pain, grief and even injustice through artistic expressions of paint on canvas. In addition to understanding this as the foundation and lifeblood of who she is; she has taught hundreds about the value of artistic expression.*

This learning experience begins as we probe into the understanding of various artistic expressions and the personal ownership of the creative artist. We will take a peek into the artist's transference of a personal experience, into a visual piece of art, as we observe the creations of a known artist and artistic educator, Mary Lovelace O'Neal. This will be one example of artistic expression during this virtual learning opportunity. Participants will learn to experience and begin to understand, the importance of sharing ones culture and life artistically. Participants will see virtual expressions of fine art from different time periods, cultures and genre. Each visual exploration experience is intended to encourage rich conversations. Share in this opportunity to expand your perspective in the world of the arts.



## ... Expanding Perspectives



### What is Privilege?

From the choices of common definitions of privilege, I offer this one: ***"A privilege is a right or advantage gained by birth, social position, effort, or concession. It can have either legal or personal sanction:"***

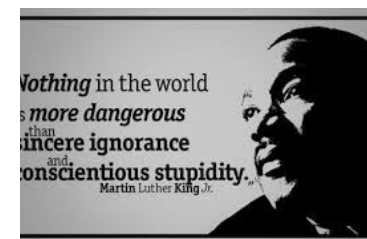
Some consider that privilege is only an indicator applied to those who are wealthy and affluent. Within our rich conversations, you may find there are other privilege categories outside of the dictionary definition... what about sports or entertainment icons? Are they privileged... really? Is privilege only reserved for the rich? Chime in on this conversation as you bring your thoughts and ideas to this exciting colloquium.



Location: Virtual / other locations when announced.

### Enslaved Through Ignorance

Ignorance defined by Merriam-Webster is: "a lack of knowledge, understanding, or education". Some people self-define ignorance in other ways; maybe they erroneously incorporate poverty or mental illness into their definition. Parts of one of Martin Luther King's speeches has been quoted many times on his opinions of ignorance: "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." Is ignorance a viable excuse for anything? This is an amazing foundation on which to learn and grow and form your own opinion.



Location: Virtual / other locations when announced.

### The New "Spoiled" Child - - Expectations and Power

Some causes of a child being spoiled may be: failure of parents to enforce consistent, age-appropriate limits; parents shielding the child from normal everyday frustrations; and provision of excessive material gifts, even when the child has not behaved properly. Of course there are other reasons and factors as well, but how does this affect a person in later life? Other suggested causes might be that other variables may alter adult parenting behavior such as: a loss in friends, failure in employment, problems with anger management, and more. Share your thoughts and experiences.



Location: Virtual / other locations when announced.

### Racism is not Dead

The assumption, for some, is that racism is a thing of the past. They may reference that opportunities are now perceived to be available to all people today. In the news, more now than even a decade ago, the intentionality to identify the race of some people, but not all people in a crime situation. Where some actions may be the obvious indications of racism; subtle almost subliminal encounters are all around us every day. Join us for eye-opening videos and conversations and a chance to expand your perspective as you hear the stories and reflections of others.



Location: Virtual / other locations when announced.



# The Colloquium Series

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### What is a Colloquium?

*A colloquium is a group gathering during which information is shared and discussion follows on a selected theme or topic and is often concluded with a bite to eat and a bit more conversation. The intent is not to solve all of the problems of the world, but to have authentic conversation on various topics of interest. This is an opportunity to attend a gathering where there is a chance to speak and be heard and to exchange thoughts and perspectives in a larger community.*

### Communication Across Generations

It is likely, that for the first time in the history of mankind, there are five living generations with (in some cases) radical differences in the way one perceives and processes information. There are also radical differences in the way the generations communicate. Each generation has its own list of expectations and responses for the other. Some assume the older generation is stoic, stuck in the past and re-living the dreams and ideas of their youth. Others may think that younger generations have been over-stimulated, and having become calloused, not recognizing the “shocking” factors that were historically common with crass, rude and generally “bad” behavior. Where do you “fit”? What is your understanding and what are your perceptions as they relate to the blending of many generations. Share in a conversation rich with information and opinions. Join in and broaden your perspective of understanding.



**Location:** Virtual / other locations when announced.

### Where Have All the Mentors Gone?

There are young people able to name an older and positive mentor in their lives today. Identifying a person who has been there to listen, be honest, sometimes advocate or advise, but most of all care, is a challenge for some in today's society. For others, it has been possible to find such a mentor which may have impacted their life experiences and choices. Who has been that person for you? If you have had an amazing mentor, or if you are hoping to find one, this conversation is for you. Share your stories and hear the stories of others.



**Location:** Virtual / other locations when announced.

### Adults Who Were Raised by Teen Parents

When a mother is young enough to be their own child's big sister, how does that affect the child when they become an adult? We live in a society when it is no longer uncommon for pregnancies to occur while the mother is still in high school. Some have graduated from high school to begin their adult lives with a child already in pre-school. A few generations have passed and many of these children are now adults. What effects and influence has surfaced in those raised by very young parents? What information might come forth as conversations stir around such an interesting topic?



**Location:** Virtual / other locations when announced.

## Virtual /Contextual . . . Expanding Perspectives

### The Open Passport:

#### Exploring Your Own Personal Spiritual Journey

Presentations, conversation, and time for reflection are built into the experience of an eventful workshop. Each participant is encouraged to consider their spiritual life compass reflecting on where they have been and considering where they would like to go with options to identify special times and places along the journey. Vision forward, a person may redefine their hopes as the journey continues in the open passport of life.



**Method:** Virtual or on location by arrangement  
**Location:** Pleasant Hill, CA, or as arranged for a specific location or event.

### Celebrating Diversity

This learning experience is designed to broaden a person's perspective and understanding of communities of people who look or live differently than what is familiar in their own social circles. It offers new ways of understanding and/or exposure to different social/cultural groups. As the new experience unfolds, the participant may broaden their own social cultural awareness and experience.



**Method:** Virtual or on location by arrangement  
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### Peacemakers During Times of Turmoil

This workshop will examine the lives and actions of people recorded in the historical archives as “peacemakers,” and it will consider the writings of advocates for peace. The resources will reflect on the historical archives that record the speeches and prayers of Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Lyndon B. Johnson and others who, over decades and centuries, have taken a stand for peace for an identified community. Their choices may also reflect the difficulties of making against what is commonly expected in their own families and social communities. The peacemakers had personal considerations and made public petitions that may have been indicators of the transition from war to peace.



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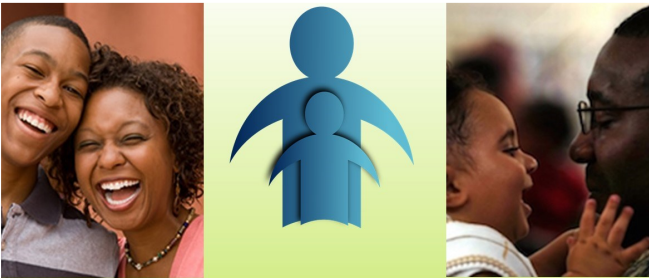
### Virtual Contextual Learning Experience: Themes Vary—Check Website for New Up-Coming Themes

These experiences provide a contextual learning and development opportunity related to service and justice issues and offers an opportunity to become more aware of the ongoing needs of various selected communities. This (*and other offered learning experiences*) provides ways of recognizing possible social/justice needs in your own local community and learning how to make the connections to begin a program of greater understanding or support.



**Method:** By arrangement only based on availability  
**Location:** Off site





HOPE: RITE OF PASSAGE FOR SONS AND DAUGHTERS  
A PERSPECTIVE OF UNDERSTAND AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

**Hope:**  
**Rites of Passage for Sons and Daughters**

- Objectives:**
- Expand a person’s understanding by offering new cultural and personal life experiences
  - Share information that may address the unspoken feelings of sons and daughters
  - Offer resources for future personal growth
- Hopeful Outcome:**
- Expanded a broader perspective that will lead toward a more informed understanding of each other, and better overall social communication
  - Offer resources that may help parents/guardians and children better understand each other.

*(May be scheduled for on-location presentations)*

**Method:** Virtual or on location by arrangement  
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**Hope:**  
**Young Men’s Voices**

The event, **Hope: Young Men's Voices** is designed to offer an expanded perspective to establish a better understanding, of what is sometimes spoken, but not always heard, when young men express themselves. This is especially true of young men of color. This event is created with a hopeful future-vision of ways to begin to bridge the communication gap that is now so prevalent today across generations, culture, race and class.

This is an amazing learning experience. Participants will have the opportunity to hear the voices of many men, who have lived in a world where roles, identity, and rites of passage seem lost in a grey desert sandstorm. Participants will also have the option to speak, and be heard, if they choose, as they share their own personal experiences, hopes and dreams. This can also be designed as a train-the-trainer event, preparing young men to share such an experience with other men.



**Method:** Virtual or small group by Arrangement  
**Location:** Pleasant Hill, CA, or to be arranged for location change.

**Open Passport:**  
**Bible Alive**

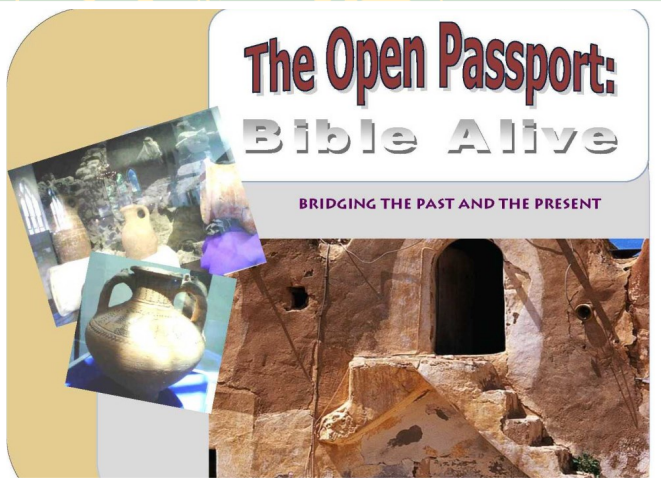
*This experience is designed to expand one’s biblical historical understanding, by providing an opportunity to see and experience artifacts from the holy lands, some dated before 2000 BC. There will be a clear reference to items that are mentioned in Bible passages and participants will be reminded of their biblical contextual relevance.*

Participants will be able to see actual images of amazing findings unearthed in archeological digs from the Holy Lands many decades ago. Hear again, the stories of the water turned to wine as you view ancient water jars along with other items used daily more than a thousand years ago.

View coins from a time of great kings and see oil lamps, much like those mentioned in the parable of the virgins, some with enough oil and others that did not have enough oil for their lamps when it was time to meet the bridegroom.

Reflect on other familiar bible stories, as the treasured finds help us understand the lives of the people that were living during the Bible times.

This learning experience, if possible, may also offer an opportunity to visit a Museum of Biblical Archaeology where participants will see unearthed artifacts, from archeological digs in the holy lands.



Date: *(tbd)*  
Location: Berkeley, California  
and other pre-arranged Locations

**Culinary Experience**

When thinking of the arts, your mind often speeds directly to famous paintings or dance. The arts span a large number of disciplines including different culinary artistic expressions around the world. In Japan, there is sushi, in France, finely baked and decorated pastries and other dishes, In Switzerland there are beautiful chocolates. All of these and many more are recognized as beautiful visual expressions of art that are also beautiful to taste. In the United States the skills within the “Culinary Arts” are not often celebrated. In some countries artistic food is part of the culture. Come share the American experience of beautiful and tasty expressions within the Culinary Arts. See fabulous dishes prepared first for visual expression, and then for taste. There may even be an opportunity for on-site visits and/or demonstrations. There may also be an opportunity to actually taste a bit of food that has been prepared.



Location varies  
(check website regularly for current upcoming events)  
Location: Northern, California