

DIALOUGUE INITIATIVES - LESSON THE PURPOSE & THE FOUR PILLARS

Human Relations Initiative, Inc. is a non-partisan organization which advocates for cultural social transformation by advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion through awareness, education, and dialogue (mission statement).

A component of the portfolio of services is **Dialogue Initiatives**. Therefore, we respectfully share the following information as a resource.

THE PURPOSE OF DIALOGUE:

- To get to know one another on a more personal level.
- To build trust for the individuals or within a group.
- To create a safe environment for all participants to be open and honest.
- To build mutual understanding and respect among participants.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF DIALOGUE:

- 1. Clarity.
- 2. Fairness.
- 3. Empathy.
- 4. Responsibility.

REMINDERS:

- **A.** Keep your heart available which will allow your mind to remain open. When ready, consider participating in dialogue with your family, friends, acquaintances, neighbors, or affiliates.
- **B.** This is not an exercise to argue, debate, or lecture, but instead to listen and share about topics of bullying, exclusion, harassment, hatred, oppression, prejudice, racism, and violence.

When an individual performs this exercise of dialogue; they are provided with a deeper understanding of self and an opportunity to better understand and appreciate others.