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Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.
Lao Tzu
Chinese Proverb.



CHOICE
We are gifted with the power of choice to be part of the solution or part of the problem.



STORY
Every person has a story; be aware of this and come as guest to it.



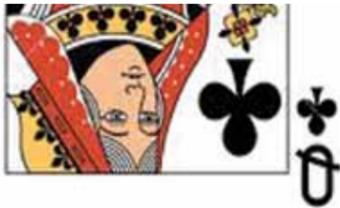
DUALISM;
A mindset that locks us into a WIN – LOSE approach – black / white.



Core to our stance is a belief in the innate dignity of all.



RESPECT
From the Latin re-specere; to look again.



Freedom is indivisible; the chains on any one of my people were the chains of all of them, the chains on all of my people were the chains on me. It was during those long and lonely years that my hunger for the freedom of my own people became a hunger for the freedom of all people, white and black. I knew as well as I knew anything that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed.
Nelson Mandela



Practice increased conscious awareness



Key question;
“Whose needs are getting met here?”



SHALOM
Welcome, be at peace, come as brother, as sister.



RECIPROCITY.
from an indigenous elder
“If you have come here to save me, don't come – if you have come here because your liberation is tied up with mine – then come – and we will walk together into our futures as one.”



Teaching someone to fish ‘empowers’ the other to more control over their life..



Principles of Catholic Social Teaching
Human dignity – community [common good] - rights – option for the poor – participation – stewardship of creation – peace - economic justice – solidarity.



Ubuntu;
I am because WE are..
Tuko Pamoja
“We are one!”
Swahili



Ideology
Look for an ideology that empowers your engagement with right relationship. For example - the Gospel.



Options for Social Justice; ACTION.





Options for Social Justice; **AWARENESS.**



Options for Social Justice; **ADVOCACY.**



Options for Social Justice; **SOLIDARITY.**



DADIRRI.
Deep inner listening. A deep inner listening to your deepest spirit, to the spirit world all around you; to your intimate relationship with all of life.



All things are **INTERCONNECTED.**
No-one is an island.



We are all **INTERDEPENDENT.**



KANYINI
Kanyini is the principle of connectedness through caring and responsibility for all that links all Aboriginal life.



NAMASTE
The God in me, the love story that is mine – honours the God in you – the love story that is yours.



Wave – Reef Model.
Some can't see
Some see – not affected.
Some see – feel powerless.
Some act – Some build other responses.



CAUSE – EFFECT MATRIX.
Examine the causes – often complex – and the effects. This empowers our action.



Charity - Change
While there is a role for charity - we must work towards change.



SOCIAL ANALYSIS
Who, what, where, why ... of an issue. The key questions; aware of bias, of which shoes / eyes we see from – what position?



Key Questions
Who is voiceless?
Who's needs are ignored?
Who makes decisions?
At what level are decisions made?
Who is unseen?



KEY QUESTIONS
Who is 'out of sight' and 'out of mind'?
Who has the power?
Who influences the media – what we see and 'know'?
Whose voice counts?



KEY QUESTIONS
Who is impacted directly by this decision? Who pays?
Who really pays? Who sets the agenda? Who wins? Who loses? Who is excluded?
Who is included?
Who has a seat at the table?



Dominant Mindset
Power over...
Punitive Punishment...
Economic rationalism...
User pays...
I win - you lose.





CRITICAL REFLECTION
Practice / Experience
then Reflection leads to
Informed Action followed
by Practice / Experience
leading to more reflection
[a cycle].



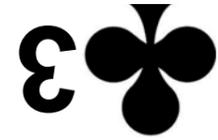
PRESENCE
A deliberate choice to
be in that space totally
for the other.



The EYES do much of
the work in presence;
do we look at the
other with honour,
compassion and
respect?



In presence, the ears
listen for what the
heart is saying.



Presence touch
is respect-filled; it
honours and affirms,
heals and frees.



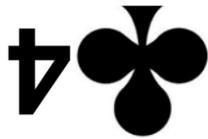
Chief Seattle.
Every part of this soil is sacred in the estimation
of my people. Every hillside, every valley, every
plain and grove, has been hallowed by some
sad or happy event in days long vanished. Even
the rocks, which seem to be dumb and dead as
the swelter in the sun along the silent shore,
thrill with memories of stirring events connected
with the lives of my people, and the very dust
upon which you now stand responds more
lovingly to their footsteps than yours, because
it is rich with the blood of our ancestors, and
our bare feet are conscious of the sympathetic
touch.



Earth – our mother.
The invitation and challenge is to change our
design principle for economics from a line {of
'progress'} to a circle [of sustainability]. We
see ourselves now not as striving in a linear
fashion toward a golden future of material
comfort that each of us must reach on our
own, but as living within a circle composed
of networks of interrelationship and
interdependence with all other beings, human
and otherwise.
Sallie McFague



Centring prayer - meditation.
1. Choose a sacred word; love's
presence and action within.
2. Sitting comfortably and with
eyes closed, settle briefly and
silently introduce the sacred
word – repeat or sit with it.
3. When you become aware of
thoughts, return ever-so-
gently to the sacred word.



Beyond Dualism
Human poverty
and environmental
destruction are
intimately linked.



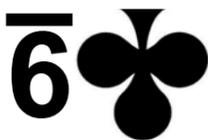
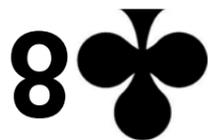
Only when the last tree
has died and the last
river has been poisoned
and the last fish been
caught will we realise we
cannot eat money.
Cree Indian proverb.



Dr Martin Luther King
“*Injustice anywhere*
is a threat to justice
everywhere. We are
caught in an inescapable
network of mutuality, tied
in a single garment of
destiny...!”



GUEST
We come as a guest;
slowly, expectantly,
open, respectfully.
We take off our ‘inner’
shoes for the ground is
holy.



The Guest comes
slowly and gently;
eyes looking
respectfully.



The guest comes with
an open heart and mind.
Pole Sana
Empathy – I am with you in your
pain. [Swahili]



Theological Reflection
In theological reflection we
place our social analysis
through the lens of the
Gospel.



One cannot wear
another’s shoes but we
can aspire to wear their
socks!



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Justice Work is
A process of radical connection
based on the premise
that interconnectivity and
interdependence are the
paramount dynamics of all
creation – injustice, suffering
and oppression are linked to the
denial of this.

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“The world should not
be as it is!”
Jose Segundo.
We see what we see
through our eyes.
All will flourish or none
of us will.

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My EXPERIENCE is NOT
the norm for the human
race. Gone fishing aims to
stretch our consciousness
towards a humble learning to
understand the experience
of living in this world
from the place of its most
marginalised and dismissed.

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Reflection
Feelings are neither right nor
wrong – they just are.
Feelings are the doorway to
meaning. Knock on the door
– just write, allow....then, wait
until an ‘ah ha’ appears or
another door or a Q or hunch
or a deeper feeling

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GUILT

We are not here to feel
guilty; that achieves
nothing. We are here to
learn about how – as
brothers and sisters in
the human family we can
walk together into a better
future.



Aung Sung Suu Kyi



Chief Seattle



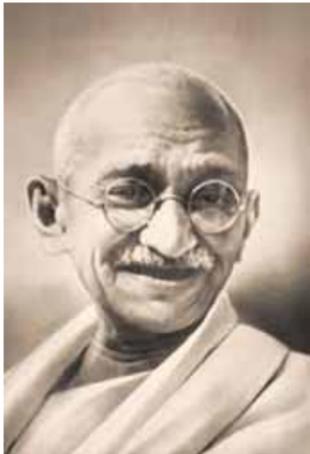
Dalai Lama



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Dorothy Day



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Nelson Mandela



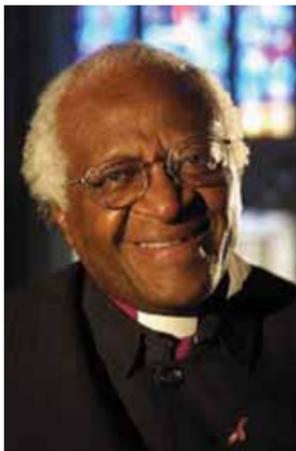
Martin Luther King



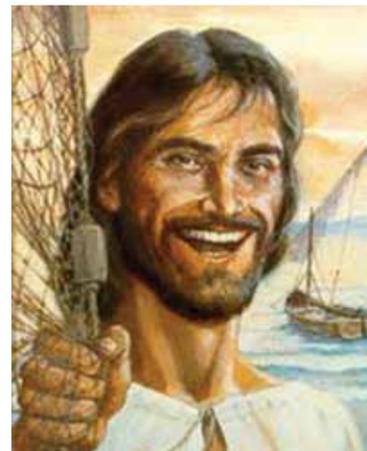
Teresa of Calcutta



Rosa Parks



Desmond Tutu



Jesus; the upside down Messiah.

