

The Interfaith Peace Project

Creating Peace
Through Interfaith Understanding

Dear Friends,

The Interfaith Peace Project is pleased to present the sixth of the series of reflective vignettes and questions to facilitate the claiming of one's dignity. These vignettes and questions are written by our dear friend, Carrie Knowles. They are a series of situational stories inviting women to reflect in such a way as to find their voice and claim their dignity.

We will publish these vignettes on the eighth of every month in honor of March 8, International Women's Day. We are hoping that you will engage your friends in reflective dialogue, maybe even form small discussion groups as these situational stories can foster dialogue with men and women alike.

Please share with us your feedback and reflections.

There will be no world peace without religious peace and there will be no religious peace until people of diverse faith, culture and philosophy meet, engage, and respect each other.



Vignette 6



Lynn has been employed as a college counselor for two years at a small co-ed private college. In the past, counseling had been provided by two male psychologists. The demand for counseling services has steadily risen and the President of the college is considering adding another counselor to meet the students' needs. He tells Lynn that the new colleague should be a man rather than another woman.

What do you think Lynn's feelings may be about the President's desire to hire a man rather than another woman?

What might Lynn do in this situation?

What are the likely consequences if she does or does not take some action?

When you consider your own faith tradition, ideally what would you like to see her do?

How might Lynn's experience resonate with any of your own experiences as a woman?

How may your reflections deepen your intention to stand up for what is right and true?