



Dear Friends,

The Interfaith Peace Project is pleased to present the eighth 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 8



Brenda has a new academic teaching job in a small biology department where the three other instructors are men. The local biology teachers' association is having its monthly meeting at a community center in a nearby town. Her colleagues haven't mentioned it, so Brenda drives to the meeting herself. As she arrives in the parking area, she finds her three male colleagues getting out of one car, and heading for the meeting.

How do you think Brenda should respond to her colleagues?

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 Brenda'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?