



Dear Friends,

The Interfaith Peace Project is pleased to present the tenth 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 10



Barbara, a high school teacher who has regularly served on a number of community boards on environmental issues decides to run for public office in her state. She's married and has a daughter aged 10 and twin sons who are eight years old. Her critics put out publicity demanding to know how she will fulfill her duties as a mother if she were elected to the state legislature.

How do you think Barbara should respond to the publicity that was put out?

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

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

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