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Prayer

Introductions:

Name/ community/ Racial & Ethnic identity

Overview

- What are the relevant Baha'i principles?
 1. The oneness of God and the oneness of humanity.
 2. All religions are one and must be the cause of unity.
 3. The right of all people to an education.
 4. There are spiritual solutions to the economic problems of the world.
 5. All people have the responsibility to investigate truth for themselves.
 6. The equality of women and men.
 7. The harmony of science and religion.
 8. The elimination of prejudice.
 9. Universal peace.
 10. A universal auxiliary language.
- Discussion will focus on 1,2,3, 5, 6, 8*, 9

Percussion ensemble as metaphor

[Participant volunteers needed]

- Small group discussion answering the following questions:
 1. Did the ensemble participants maintain their given rhythm?
 2. Were the overall rhythmic patterns pleasing? Why or why not?
 3. How does any of this apply to best practices for a Baha'i based racial unity training?
- Large group sharing

Issues

This is an opportunity for issues regarding best practices to emerge that were not forthcoming from the prior discussion.

Closing: Healing Circle