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In brief...

As an educator, artist, trainer, consultant, advisor, and mentor, Jeanette is respected for her care in customizing instructional designs, outstanding facilitation skills, superb follow-up, and integration of the visual arts throughout her work. Her areas of greatest depth include the academic, voluntary and faith-based sectors. Particular areas of interest and expertise are women's health, HIV and AIDS, community engagement, working alongside the marginalized in society, diversity issues, community ministry, and visual literacy. Jeanette has extensive international and cross-cultural experience, having worked and lived in more than 25 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America.

Some recent projects...

Centre for Public Dialogue Canada ~ Canada ~ 2013-2014

CRCPD has found the KAIROS-developed 90-minutes interactive workshop *Blanket Exercise* to be a powerful tool for facilitating dialogue around tough issues and wanted to increase its use across Canada. To build a core team they asked Jeanette to research, design, and pilot a *Training of Facilitators* course. She also developed a facilitator guide with tip sheets, templates, and guidelines to support the core team in their work. This collaboration has ensured a group of effective trainers who feel comfortable leading the *Blanket Exercise*, with all its tough questions, unexpected challenges and emotionally-charged dialogue. As well, this core team now demonstrates a keen sense of how to ensure "heart-learning", to nurture an emotional understanding and connection to the past and present injustices faced by First Nations people in Canada.

The Peoples Church ~ Toronto, ON Canada ~ 2013

Jeanette worked with The Peoples Church in Toronto on a capacity-building initiative by training all the pastors and ministry leaders of this 4,000+ member church. The first phase was a week-long training with 16 church leaders. The People's Church wanted its Core Training Team of pastors and ministry leaders to be well-equipped to provide meaningful and engaging workshops that maximize the desired learning so that they ensure change in hearts and lives.

Canadian Churches Forum for Global Ministries ~ Toronto, ON Canada ~ 2012

Jeanette designed a program for CCF to effectively meet the growing need in Toronto to develop an intercultural ministry. As part of this program, she created a system for recruiting and training a Core Facilitators Team who would offer faith-groups the 2-week course "Deepening Skills for Intercultural Ministry". This collaborative work consisted of 6 phases, including: research & discovery; facilitator recruitment & capacity-building, design and evaluation; and program implementation. Specific areas of focus were: race, equity, diversity, and/or privilege.

Race Relations Canada ~ Canada ~ 2009

In 2008 Race Relations Canada developed a racial reconciliation course *Widening the Circle* (WTC) for use in the Christian Reformed Churches of Canada. Jeanette was hired to train a core group of volunteers to facilitate the 2-day course in churches interested in learning about racism and white privilege. She developed a training course that taught facilitation skills and content expertise, as well as helpful resources and templates for the planning the event. One year later she also co-designed *Widening the Circle II* (WTC II), to further participants' learning and journeying with racism.