

Personal Reflection – July 21, 2023

They Were Well-Served

My friend and mentor, Paula, was in the midst of a two-day course for a training team of a major U.S. company. When we spoke at the end of the first day of her course, I asked: “How did it go?” Paula responded, “Today, that team was well-served.”

I was deeply touched by her choice of words: *well-served*. What more could we ask for? Or they, the learners? All that we have learned about the power of dialogue in a learning event, the grace of practices and principles that serve, the joy in a group’s laughter together, all works together to *serve them well*. Learners’ excitement, high energy, creativity manifested in caring actions, and open vulnerability are their grateful response to their feeling *well-served*.

When I look at the GLP website, I am in awe. I bet every mother and father looks at their growing sons and daughters with somewhat the same awe. Mozart must have listened to his *Eine Klein Nacht Musik* and felt the same tingling of awe. All of us saying: “*I did not do that!*”

St. Paul has a great line in one of his letters: “*I sowed, Titus harvested and God gave the increase.*” One noticeable theme in all of Walter Brueggemann’s teaching is: *We are partners with the Creator*. Wow!

I notice that as I grow older, I come to know and appreciate myself more. Sure, I am slow, achy, forgetful and cranky. I am also in awe at the “increase” that only the Creator can offer. I can celebrate that inestimable “increase” and also the inevitable slowness, aches, forgetfulness and crankiness.

What Paula, the glorious GLP Certified Network, and even I can do, is to celebrate: *they are being well-served*.

--by Jane Vella