

Personal Reflection – November 2020

Thanks-living

One of my teachers, Bishop N. T. Wright of Oxford, suggests that in addition to a day of harvest thanksgiving, we try a life of *thanks-living*. I like that! I am *thanks-living* today to celebrate the fact that I just found the GLP website's page with pictures and bios of all of the current Certified Dialogue Education Practitioners (CDEPs) and Certified Dialogue Education Teachers (CDETs) from around the world. Wow!

I awoke this morning with these thoughts and images: You all have created a community of amazing men and women, working together to invite people to deep learning and deeper well-being.

I spoke last week to young Jordan Kane¹ who found GLP through Tonjala Eaton². After Jordan's first three weeks with GLP she was excited, and grateful to have found a like-minded community who celebrated one another, who welcomed her and put her right to work. I asked 21-year-old Jordan what she perceived her role to be. She responded with great confidence: "It is emerging." It sure is!

As an ole lady in a rocking chair, self-quarantined by COVID in my lovely home, my perception is limited. What I hear and see of the reality you all face is shaped by my hopes for you and by my experience *of* you through Internet and Zoom! I don't feel the bumps or the bruises. I do know that my own life experience (bumps and bruises and all) led to this quiet time of *thanks-living*. And it *is* emerging. I know that because I woke this morning with such a clear image of you all. And, with a great smile.

Thank you!

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