

DIVERSITY

“We are all equal in the fact that we are all different. We are all the same in the fact that we will never be the same. We are united by the reality that all colors and all cultures are distinct & individual. We are harmonious in the reality that we are all held to this earth by the same gravity. We don't share blood, but we share the air that keeps us alive. I will not blind myself and say that my black brother is not different from me. I will not blind myself and say that my brown sister is not different from me. But my black brother is he as much as I am me. But my brown sister is she as much as I am me.” (C, JoyBell)

When there is diversity in a country, different traditions and customs begin to intertwine with each other. What this brings, is an amazing offspring of color and all new cultures. The myriad of spices of the Southeast Asian cuisines combined with the meat loving Turkish cuisine, the colour of Indian along with the elegance of English weddings, the rhythmic beats of African music mixed with the popular electro music of America. It all creates a beautiful collage of distinct cultures. The traditions of different people also come together in the same place. Imagine having two New Year celebrations, every year. What would it be like to celebrate Holi straight after Eid, and then Hanukkah just before Christmas?

Acceptance of different cultures in the world is a must. Our ancestors struggled through with discrimination and racism, striving for a diverse yet united globe. This, then we must understand, is the only solution. Mankind can best prosper when we use our various strengths in unison and reach out for our common goal.



“We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.”

-Jimmy Carter

1 In what ways do you see diversity within your team?

2 How do increase healthy diversity within your team setting?

3 In as much detail as possible, how do you teach those that you serve about diversity and importance of embracing individual difference?

4 How do you embrace the differences that diversity brings without allowing them to create a divide amongst a team?