

“Loving Across Our Differences: building relationships across cultures.”

Thanks for registering for “Loving Across Our Differences.” We look forward to meeting you and working with you at Cross Training.

We are excited about the track. We will do a variety of things (from Bible studies to simulations, from trust-building exercises to small group discussions) that, we hope, will better equip us all to make friendships with those who are different from us, be they from a different background, or of a different ethnicity, or from a different culture altogether.

The staff who are working on this track have a wealth of experience in building cross-cultural relationships and they are eager to serve you.

In preparation for the track there is a short pre-course assignment to do, which, we trust, will be fun and thought-provoking. We will discuss this the first night in small groups.

Again, we look forward to meeting you and serving you. We are praying for you and for the time we will spend together.

In Christ,

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PreCourse Assignment for:

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Part 1: Please fill out the following questionnaire about yourself.

- 1) What is your ethnic background? When did your ancestors come to this country?

- 2) Share about your immediate family. (i.e. What do you admire about your parents? What food or smell reminds you of your home when you were young?)

- 3) What values did you learn growing up that you admire?

- 4) What level of awareness of other cultures did you have growing up? Were there any people groups that you grew up fearing or distrusting? How has your attitude changed since then?

Part 2: Using the same questions, please interview a friend or acquaintance (or stranger), if possible from a different ethnic or cultural background, and ask them the same questions. Note their responses.

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Please bring your pre-course with you, we will be using it during the first session of the track.
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