

# Living Witness: Our Present +++ Our Future

+++ April 2021 Invitation for Personal Reflection +++

Video: [How to Grow Empathy From Uncovering Your Roots | Rich Venezia | TEDxPittsburgh - YouTube](#)

Invitation: **Choose** any **one** of your **ancestors (familial, spiritual, biblical)**. Imagine yourself “walking in their shoes” in a current situation in your life. How might their story impact your life today?

Questions: How does your family/community history & experience influence who you are? Who might occupy the space of “*the other*” in your current relationships in family, community, ministry? What’s the invitation? *Reflect & Reverence the Sacredness of each Person’s Story + Share with one other*

## Ancestors

“... as numerous as the stars in the sky & the sands on the shore of the sea.” Gen 26: 4

This  
Communion of Saints  
is  
my *bloodline!*

*Spend some time in prayer  
Savoring this fullness!*

Additional Reading?

[The Gift of a Stranger \(theway.org.uk\)](http://theway.org.uk)

Posted in the OGF Digital Archive, too!



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## Ongoing Formation 2018 Chapter Goals

**2019-20 GOAL #3** “Cultivate a spirit of racial inclusion, cultural sensitivity, and respect for persons with disabilities, generate an awareness of the dynamics of racism and understand the effects.”

OGF Activity - Bethany Welch, Ph.D. Oct 19, 2019 “United in Love: Different Cultures One Faith”

**2020-21 GOAL #4** “Respond to the emerging needs for ministry with inclusion and cultural sensitivity.”

OGF Activity - Due to Pandemic: “Living Witness” Narratives, Constant Contact October – December 2020

**OGF Activity + 2021-2022 Extension of Goals: To offer resources for personal reflection**