

POLITICAL AND CIVIC CONVERSATIONS WITHOUT THE RANCOR, HYSTERIA AND DIVISIVENESS

"It's the kind of engagement our country and the world needs."

— a "We the People" program participant

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Building Bridges to



Civic Discourse

W O R K S H O P

"There is hope we may be able to talk civilly again."

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Practical tools you can use now to identify, understand and respond to challenging political and civic discussions. The program includes all materials.

**Saturday
22 May 2010**

9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Registration and check-in at 8:30 AM

Location:
**Mercer Island
Presbyterian Church**

3605 84th Ave SE
Mercer Island

Tuition:
\$10
per participant
covers the cost of
room and materials



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Become a Leader in ending American civic strife

The purpose of this workshop is to provide participants with information and concrete skills for increasing citizen connection, understanding and effectiveness.

Many have expressed concern about the rancor, hysteria and polarizing effects found in some of the current local, regional and national political dialogue. How do we meet this challenge? How can we contribute to creating respectful, inclusive and effective civic conversations? We'll explore these and other questions at this stimulating, practical and inspiring event.

The focus on this multimedia workshop is not on issues. Rather, we'll direct our attention to the process of

working together as citizen leaders to improve the local, regional and national civic dialogue. We'll explore new approaches for enlisting cooperation, moving past fear, defusing conflict and reinstating understanding, reason and trust.

THIS PROGRAM IS IDEAL FOR — People of all political persuasions who want to understand and contribute to effective, cooperative and unifying civic dialogue • Civic leaders • Those wishing to advance specific political objectives (social service, environment, business, etc.) • Students with an interest in civics and government • Anyone discouraged by the state of the local, regional and national political process. This workshop is suitable for those 14 years of age and older.



**I WANT YOU
TO ATTEND**

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For more information and to register for the workshop, visit the web at:

www.spiritridgeinstitute.net/we.html