



# Crossing Lines in San Mateo

Sharing stories, Creating community

Sunday, 29 January 2017 — 2:30-5:00 pm Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center San Mateo, California USA

(on the Web)



#### To create a culture of connection

115 diverse women, men and youth ages 18 to 85 of all races many religions and cultures, representing every continent circled up for an inspiring, hands-on community workshop for respectful communication across all lines beginning with a new quality of listening to one another — to everyone.





Welcome, Educational Exhibits, & How-to Materials



























*Self-Introductions Around the Circle — Who is in the room?* 

















18-minute Film — Two exemplars of story sharing and quality listening





**Story Sharing Experience** — **In dyads, with a new acquaintance** A stranger or "an enemy is one whose story we have not heard."







## **Usual Communication**

100% Preparing 100% Attentive to React React

# Dialogue

100% Listening 100% Attentive to Learn Inquire





















"People fail to get along because they fear each other.

They fear each other because they don't know each other;

They don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."

~ Martin Luther King Jr.





























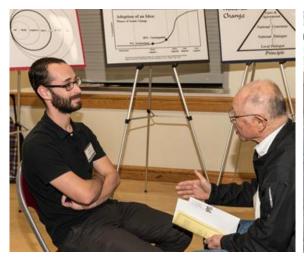




















Assimilation of Story-sharing Experiences — By partners













**Closing Family Photo** 

### Symbols in the center of our circle

