



A Vision Across Boundaries

As we begin a new year, the phrase, “a vision across boundaries” continues to stretch my mind and heart. I first heard it several years ago during a graduate course. Our teacher noted that skin, something that seems like a definite boundary, is continually exchanging elements from within and without — moisture, sun, air, and so on — since all is interconnected and interdependent.

At this time of New Year’s resolutions, it seems like an excellent chance to reflect on one’s vision. Is it a vision across boundaries? Is my/our vision helping birth a vision across boundaries of:

- *Feelings of superiority and inferiority*
- *Fears, painful memories, hurts, and insecurities*

- *Prejudices and biases that blind*
- *Cultures and traditions*
- *Spiritual and theological differences*
- *Language and identification (i.e.: we/they, conservative/liberal, rich/poor)*
- *Continents, nations, and regions*
- *Race, religion, class*
- *(Maybe you can think of other boundaries?)*

As this new year begins, we could resolve to develop or strengthen, personally and communally, “a vision across boundaries” — since all is interconnected and interdependent in our beautiful, God-is-with-us world.

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