

## Unity amongst Diversity Practice

Following from Chapter 6 in the Treading Lightly book, we have seen how diversity of leadership works in traditional Indigenous nations. A leader is recognised by their expertise and wisdom in the variety of roles that serve the community.

Examine your friendships, workplace or family and the individual people in that place. Consider the differences in history, race, gender, experience, age, education and political standing. Acknowledge the contributions to leadership that these individuals have, their leadership in your friendship/work/family place to society and in your relationship with them. In a society of top down power take the opportunity to devise ways to publicly acknowledge their leadership of character, skills and knowledge. Honour the leaders of your past and seek the leaders of the future. Also acknowledge the leadership role you play in your life, those areas you have expertise in and can lead others.

### Each Day

Take one of the coloured Sharpies and make a symbol on either the back of your hand or the centre of your palm (symbolising servanthood/taking up our cross) that reflects your contribution to society (eg. triangle for knowledge, flower for beauty/creativity).

Have this prayer with you as you go through your day speaking it over the people in your place

### A Prayer by Brother David Steindl-Rast

You, the one  
From whom on different paths  
All of us have come.

To whom on different paths  
All of us are going.  
Make strong in our hearts what unites us;

Build bridges across all that divides us;  
United make us rejoice in our diversity.  
And at one in our witness to your peace,  
A rainbow to your glory,  
Amen



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