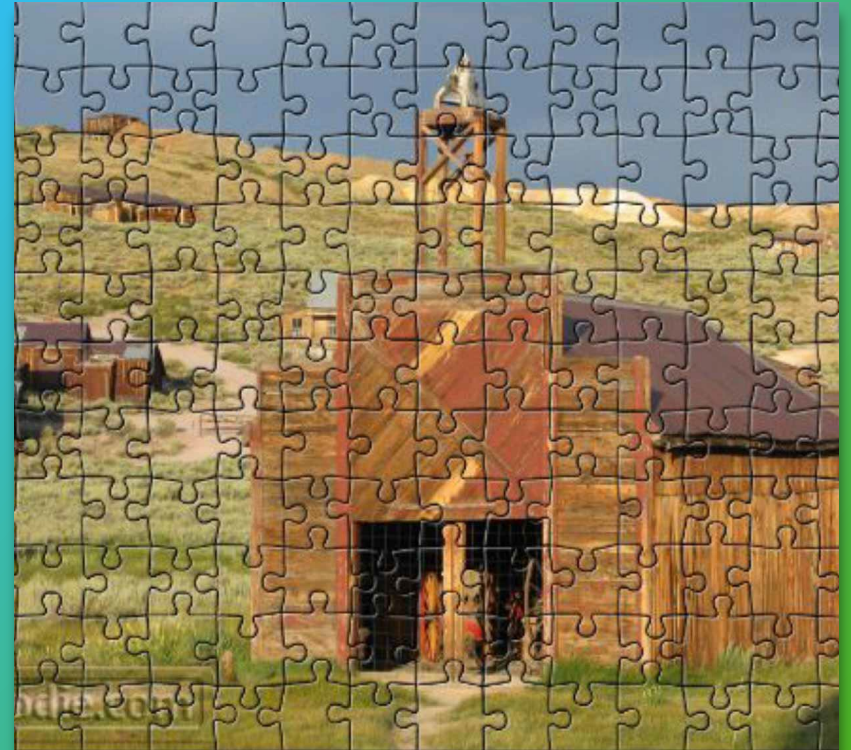
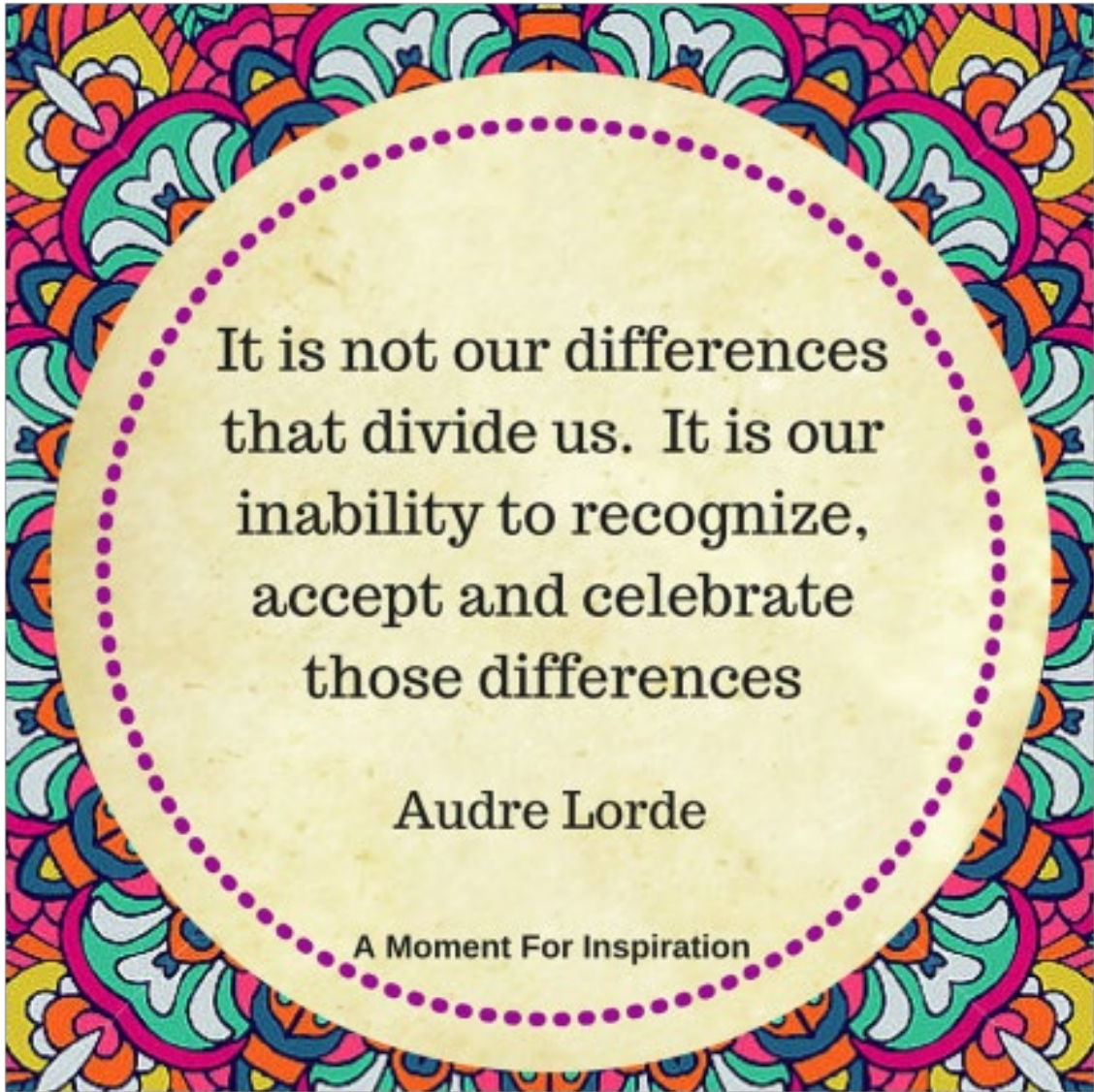


***Many Communities  
One Shared Future***

# Diversity





It is not our differences  
that divide us. It is our  
inability to recognize,  
accept and celebrate  
those differences

Audre Lorde

A Moment For Inspiration

# CURRENT STATUS (NATIONALLY - GLOBALLY)

- Multi Cultural
- Multi-racial
- Multi-religious

## Causing :

- Increasing tensions
- Intensifying identity politics
- Exposed social stability



- Conflicts and clashes
- Wellbeing of communities
- Security and safety of communities

# CORE ISSUES

## What we believe (Faith)

Role of faith in inter-religious relations

## Who we are (Identity)

How societies can promote shared identity

## How we can come together (Cohesion)

What diverse communities can do to engage each other and work together side-by-side

# WHAT SHOULD BE **OUR** MAIN GOAL ?

- ✓ Build stronger bonds
- ✓ Fostering a culture of consideration and mutual understanding
- ✓ Sharing beliefs respectfully and sensitively
- ✓ Maintaining solidarity in crisis
- ✓ Support institutional efforts
- ✓ Commitment of safeguard religious harmony

# HOW?

- ✓ Share information and knowledge
- ✓ Restore mutual respect and understanding
- ✓ Strengthening honest dialogues
- ✓ Interact with
  - Interfaith
  - Community leaders
  - Ambassadors
  - Policy makers
  - Younger generation

# LEARNINGS-FACTS

- Multicultural –Multiracial and Multi religious community
- Non- cohesive non -inclusive community
- Discussions about faith usually is uncomfortable topic
- Prejudice and assumptions drive our actions
- Not interested to know or understand different religions
- Inconsistency when it comes to governmental organisations
- Incompetent leadership for NGO's
- Policy makers operate in isolation to community leaders
- Younger generation is out of the equation
- Racism exists and dictates actions but no one admits
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# CAN WE DO BETTER ?

- Political ,religious and community leaders work together to initiate dialogue and cooperation
- Inter-religious education is KEY to build cohesive societies
- Everyone has a part to play in building cohesive societies
- Challenge exclusivity and normalise pluralism
- Mitigate the toxicity of identity by increase mutual understanding
- Extremism is not act of ideology ,rather its an desperate search for identity ,community and purpose
- Seek common ground ,respect differences ,focus on ways for coexistence and cooperation

# CONCLUSION

- Every society needs to find its own path to cohesion, one that is shaped by its history ,context ,culture, community needs and demands of the time.
- There is much we can learn from each other and work with each other
- We all do better when we speak with each other and work collectively towards a unified goal

