**DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY**

**MODULE 2**

**SACRED STORIES: COMMUNITY PANEL**

**FOLLOW-UP SESSION**

View the video *Voices of the People: Identity*.

This short documentary was one of two videos featured at the 2018 RMS Synod Assembly. The video invites us into three individuals’ stories: A. Paul Ortega and Katrina Ortega (Mescalero Apache), Dr. Lee Francis (Pueblo of Laguna). We hear their thoughts on the way Native Americans view and understand identity.

After you have watched the video, discuss these five sets of questions in succession. A group leader can steer this discussion by framing each set of questions. There is no need for participants to have a hand-out. Also, there’s no need to go back and review parts of the video to check out your answers. You’re exploring how people in your group experienced the video—you’re not looking for “right answers.” As you deepen your discussion, encourage participants to respect and honor each other’s responses. Each different perspective from each person in your group gives everyone another part of the deeper truths this video can reveal.

1. What scenes do you remember from the video? Who were the characters you met? Are there visual images you found curious, striking, or memorable? What phrases do you recall? Are there other sounds from the video you remember?
2. What do you think ***the characters*** in the video were experiencing emotionally as they were speaking? What clues in their words, tone of voice, facial expressions, or body language helped you create an image of what they were feeling?
3. What were ***your*** thoughts and feelings as you watched the video? Are there specific words, images, or sounds from the video that you associate with your feelings and thoughts?
4. Have you ever experienced anything similar to what the video characters describe? Have you ever had feelings similar to what they felt? Can you share in your group a personal story that describes your similar experience?
5. What are you learning as this discussion unfolds—about yourself? About the Doctrine of Discovery? How is the discussion taking you on a journey into deeper understanding? What will you do with your new insights?