

'Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly': Noticing and naming our power

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Noticing and naming *our* power ... there is space below for recording your reflections on your own handling of power relations as we go through the session, or in later reflection.

Ways of thinking about power

- What forms of power are part of your role?
- What personal, relational, organizational and societal factors affect your power relations?

A framework for reflecting on power and formation: *Telos, ethos and askēsis*

- What ultimate *telos* inspires *you*, as a ministry educator, to manage power relations well?
- Recalling the *telos* of your work as a ministry educator, what ethical principles are particularly important in guiding *your* handling of power relations?
- What aspects of your own pedagogy are *dialogic*, and which are more *monologic*? (Are you happy with the balance?)
- What practices in my life help me to keep naming and noticing my power?

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, so that even if your qualifications grant you the comfort of expertise, or your social context positions you with power, do not regard these privileges as something to be exploited, but instead focus on the priority of love. With the Spirit's help, encounter others as they are, not who you would prefer them to be, and risk vulnerability in offering yourselves to them as fellow humans, co-learners and companions in the journey toward life.

(Philippians 2 reframed)

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