As a follow-up to its fall workshop series, Conversations at the Well: Crossing Over to Meet the Other and Oneself, the Conference will offer a spring series on skills for successful border-crossings.

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Crossing the Borders of Diversity: Interpersonal Skills and Challenges

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Crossing borders of diversity of many kinds in mission and community life is essential to contemporary religious life and expresses a fundamental orientation towards the other. This workshop will explore interpersonal dispositions and skills necessary to engage border-crossing and respect boundaries of diversity. Participants and presenter will also identify psychological challenges in community and mission that can become obstacles to crossing borders of diversity, and consider ways of addressing those challenges.

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