

# A Renewing of Vows

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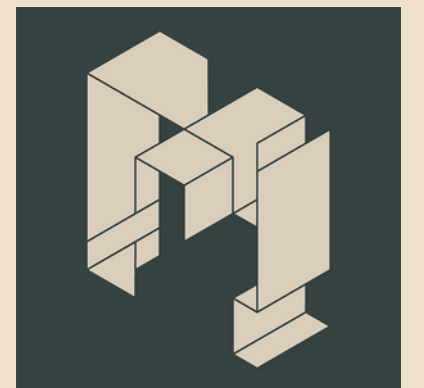
**STRENGTHENING OUR VOCATION IN SCHOOLS**

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## SESSION DESCRIPTION

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This 45-minute session will provide participants with the essential conditions—time, space, and community—to reconnect with their passion for teaching, learning, and leading in educational environments. Through a restorative circle format, attendees will have an opportunity to rediscover their calling, rejuvenate their relationship with it, and reemerge, ready to “share the yoke” of their vocation once more.

# DISCUSSION JOURNEY

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## Set: 3

## Set: 2

## Set: 1

### **Set I: Rediscovering Foundations**

This set of questions aims to help participants reflect on their foundational experiences, values, and aspirations in the education sector.

### **Set II: Reflecting on Milestones and Community**

The questions in this set encourage participants to look back on significant milestones, supportive relationships, and the communal aspects of their educational journey.

### **Set III: Looking Forward**

This set focuses on future aspirations, personal and professional challenges, and the broader impact participants hope to achieve in their educational communities.

# Set: I

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REDISCOVERING FOUNDATIONS

Given the choice of anyone in the world,  
whom would you want as a mentor in  
the educational field?

Would you like to be recognized in the education sector? In what way?

Before stepping into a classroom or a meeting, do you ever rehearse what you are going to say? How?

What would constitute a "perfect" day for you in your educational environment?



When did you last feel joy in your work?  
Was it a personal achievement or shared  
success?

If you could retain one element of your initial enthusiasm for education throughout your career, what would it be?

Do you have a vision or hope for the legacy you'd like to leave in your educational community?

Name three values you believe are essential to uphold in the educational environment.

For what aspect of your educational journey do you feel most grateful?

If you could change one aspect of your educational environment, what would it be?

If you could wake up tomorrow having gained any one quality or ability to enhance your work in education, what would it be?

# Set: II

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REFLECTING ON MILESTONES AND COMMUNITY



Is there a project or initiative in  
education you've dreamed of leading?  
Why haven't you pursued it yet?

What do you consider to be the most meaningful accomplishment of your educational career so far?

What qualities do you value most in a collaborative educational community?

What is a cherished memory you have from your time working in education?

Conversely, what is a challenging or difficult memory, and how did you grow from it?

If you knew that you could pursue any path in education without fear of failure, would you change your current focus? Why or why not?

What does a supportive educational  
community mean to you?

Reflect on a moment when you felt a strong sense of fulfillment or connection in your work. How did that impact you?

Share with the group a time when collaboration or support from colleagues significantly impacted a project or your personal growth.



Reflect on the support systems you have had throughout your career in education. How have they contributed to your journey?

Share an experience that helped shape your understanding or approach towards education.

# Set III:

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LOOKING FORWARD

Make three true "we" statements about the collective mission or values shared in your educational community.

Complete this sentence: "I wish I had the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ in my educational environment."

Share one aspiration or goal you have for your educational community and why it's important to you.

Reflect on a time when an emotional event in your personal life intersected with your professional life in education. How did you manage that?

Share something that excites you about the future of education or a particular upcoming project or initiative.



If there's one message or piece of advice you could share with every educator, what would it be and why?

If your educational philosophy could be represented by one book, object, or symbol, what would it be and why?

Share a current challenge or dilemma you are facing in your educational journey, and invite feedback or insights from the group on potential solutions or perspectives.

# Thank you!

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