



## *Red Cloud Worksheet*

### **Declare Common Interests**

During his 1870 speech at Cooper Union in New York City, Red Cloud declared common interests:

*You have children; we have children. You want to raise your children and make them happy and prosperous; we want to raise ours and make them happy and prosperous.*

Declaring common interests is one of the best ways to build civility and improve conflictual relations. Be intentional about declaring common interests as you:

**TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT** — Like Red Cloud, extend sincere words of affirmation to others whenever you can. Ask yourself:

What words can I use to make sure I exalt unity over divisiveness?

**TAME YOUR TRADITIONS** — Hold onto to your traditions, and maintain a balanced perspective between what you and what others hold dear. Ask yourself:

What is the best way for me to strike the balance between upholding my own traditions and affirming the traditions of others?

**TREAD FORWARD TOGETHER** — Find the common ground and tread on it. Red Cloud declared — *You have children; we have children.* Ask yourself:

What can you declare that you possess in common with others as the basis upon which you can move forward together?