

## Other Elements of Facilitation

### 1. Building Self-reliance and Self-trust

Students move from wanting/needing support and direction to wanting/needing to feel independent, able and responsible. This sense of self-reliance reinforces the sense of identity of being congruent with one's self.... "I am in ministry"; "I can figure out the jobs to do"; "I am responsible." Reflection, support and encouragement are part of the continued development. The nature of the support will change as the student moves from trusting others to trusting self.

### 2. Being a Role Model

We look to people who might provide for us a model of how we want to be involved in this work. The Learning Facilitator may well be that person but this is not a requirement nor should it be an expectation. Sharing some of your experiences of accomplishment and disappointment can enhance the student's learning.

### 3. Integration

Integration of learning takes place when actions, thinking, feelings and beliefs come together. One feels congruent - "all of a piece." It would be helpful to watch for when and how this is happening as the student begins to put together theory and practice from the field experience, life experience and study.

### 4. Intentionality

Good learning requires work and preparation on the part of both the student and the Learning Facilitator. Both persons are responsible for what happens in learning facilitation and each have responsibility for work that happens before, during and following each session.

### 5. Theological reflection

Theological reflection needs to be a regular aspect of the learning facilitation process.

The following questions might enable theological reflection:

1. How is the Spirit present and active? What is life-giving in this situation?
2. Where and how is sin present in this situation? What is destructive, limiting or exploitative?
3. What theological themes are you pondering in this setting?
4. What is the Good News for this time and place?
5. What would be your vision of love and justice in this setting?
6. What is important here and what can we affirm as people of God?