### ONLINE WORKSHOP 1: WELCOME TO HERSTORY

### LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES

- 1. Understand the Power of Story
- 2. Re-Author Your *His*tory into a *Her*story
- 3. Create Community with Other Women

### WHO IS THE WOMAN YOU HAVE BECOME?

Select a writing prompt and record 5 adjectives or descriptors.

- How would your dearest friends describe you?
- Who is the woman you are aspiring to become?

If one woman told the truth about her life, the world would split open.

-Muriel Rukeyser

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### HOW HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN A VICTORY?

Select 2-3 prompts and write a few sentences for each.

- I was scared, but...
- I tried my best, and...
- In that moment, everything changed because...
- I was surprised to find out that...
- In my heart, I knew...

Seeing our lives as a victory is a revolutionary act that recognizes the power we already have.

-Alexis K-O

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### WHAT IS THE THEME OF YOUR HERSTORY?

Re-read what you have written with curiosity and without judgment.

- What themes, meanings, and truths emerge?
- What could someone else learn from your herstory?
- What do you need to learn or re-learn from it?

Through language we can rewrite our stories, we can tell our stories with ourselves as the protagonists, and we can tell the truth.

-Tererai Trent

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### SHARING YOUR HERSTORY

Speaking our story and bearing witness to another's is a sacred act.

- Use the template below or create your own method of sharing.
- Take turns speaking and listening for a minimum of 2 minutes each.
- At the end of each story, the listener completes the sentence,

"The Brave Woman I see in you..."

My name is	and I am here.
I am a woman who embodies _	7
, and	
The most pivotal moments in r	ny life have taught me
This is my herstory.	

I also needed to hear other women's stories in order to see and embrace my own. It's going deeper than typical ways of talking and sharing – going down to the place where souls meet and love comes, where separateness drops away and you know these women because you ARE these women.

-Sue Monk Kidd

