

# Disavowing the Doctrine of Discovery: Acknowledgment, Dialogue and Response

The Goals for the Fall Series are:

**1. Increase the collective awareness and understanding of the Doctrine of Christian Discovery and its modern-day legacy.**

- Bring together community members, particularly those from the Saint Paul Interfaith Community, to see the film “Doctrine of Discovery.”
- Increase understanding among congregations and community members about the long-term impact of Doctrine of Christian Discovery and how it led to the violent suppression of Native peoples’ languages, cultures and religions.
- Raise community consciousness of how the Christian world view of seeing non-Christians as “enemies,” or “savages,” led to the dehumanization of indigenous peoples and how it continues to affect all of us today.

**2. Create a climate for enriching relationships.**

- Create opportunities for Native American peoples to share their personal stories and their views of our shared history.
- Give participants the opportunity to engage in a reflective, respectful dialogue about what they are learning.

**3. Seek ways forward for continued education and discussion on these issues in our faith communities, congregations and community.**

- Hold a post-Series meeting of organizers to process what we heard and learned.
- Generate ideas for ways to continue to increase the understanding of these issues and ideas for change.
- Set the stage for future action.

