



Session III B, July 23-25, 2018

40. Mother Theresa and Martin Luther King: Outstanding Examples of Intercultural Competence

Mother Theresa's family was Albanian. They lived in Yugoslavia. She received her professional training in Ireland. Then she went to India. Her deepest desire was to "serve the poorest of the poor." Therefore, she established The Home for The Destitute Dying. During the following years, she established Homes in 130 countries and was overseeing the work of 3,000 of her Sisters in those countries. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr. King lived his whole life in the southern United States. He was a founder and the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. 250,000 people from around the country traveled to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to hear him speak. (This may be the most diverse group ever assembled in this country.) Dr. King began, "I have a dream today." Every person present understood what Dr. King said that day. Many of them were deeply moved. This is the single, most effective, act of intercultural communication in the recent history of the United States. He, too, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Designed for: Intercultural specialists who sincerely want to improve their effectiveness.

Workshop Objectives

You will have the opportunity to:

- Learn fundamental lessons from two masters
- Learn from each other
- Clarify exactly what Mother Theresa and Dr. King did to earn so much respect, gain so much support, and create dramatic social change
- Discover how, specifically, each of us can become more effective

Learning Activities

- Think through brief, accurate stories about how Mother Theresa and Dr. King were raised and educated, how they began their careers, and how, specifically, each of them achieved and contributed so much
- Clarify the sources, both personal and professional, of their courage, commitment, creativity and profound impact
- Examine their ingenious strategies for launching significant social change
- Discuss, in depth and confidentially, the most important implications for our own professional development and intercultural practice



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