# An Invitation: Creating and Strengthening Our Connections to Our Purposes and Each Other

Howdy, and thank you for your curiosity. (insubordination in its purest form, according to Vladimir Nabokov, the author of *Lolita*.)

I’m interested in moving away from accommodation and toward accessibility.

I’m interested in moving away from compliance and toward commitment.

I’m interested in moving away from answers and toward questions.

I’m interested in moving away from fitting-in and toward belonging.

Reminding ourselves what matters in a culture that (over)values what works is an urgent undertaking. Acting from a What Matters orientation is nothing short of insubordinate. As a relative newcomer to poetry, I recognize the power and spaciousness of its language and am practicing using poetry to create and strengthen connections in pursuit of more What Matters in my work life.

Please join us.

Each conference morning – Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – we’ll gather from 7:30 – 7:50am to share a poem and reflect on ways it connects us to our purposes, our work, and each other. I’ll provide a poem and a couple of reflection questions each day and I invite you to bring your own if you’d like.

Hope to see you -

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