Reformed Tastes from around the world

With life narratives, our diversity becomes our strength.

As we have embraced the idea of being a multicultural group open to newcomers from both other parts of Spain and other continents as Europe, Africa and Latin America, we have taken the first steps to becoming an intercultural community, learning from each other through life narrative.

The telling of our stories and the sharing of our experiences enrich the community: How did you arrive to Spain? Why did you leave your country? What do you expect here? Did you see God's direction? How was it? Etc.

This also helps to keep the community open to others and committed to its mission to promote the kingdom of God.

The life narrative promotes the meaning, the history and the purpose of the community and brings hope to its members. Furthermore, it strengthens and affirms the capacities and hopes of those who share their life narratives.

Telling these narratives in an environment so diverse and pluralistic allows us to know each other better and sensitizes people to the various needs of those arriving in the community, but also to the needs of those already in the community. It helps to break down barriers, to create bonds of empathy and it challenges one another to greater levels of acceptance of faith.

So, with your life narrative, our diversity becomes our strength.

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