

Getting Started

Five Easy Steps



Check out the archive of topics at www.prairie.org/cafesociety. New topics are posted every Friday. You are welcome to use these topics or choose your own topic.



Find online news stories, Op-Eds, blog posts, and other resources on your topic to share with discussion participants. These resources can be a useful jumping off point for a conversation. We like to use sources that show different perspectives on an issue. Providing multiple points of view invites people to think more critically about what they're reading and seeing in the media.



Think of questions for consideration. Meaningful conversations are often generated by thoughtful questions. Dig deep. Don't settle for yes or no questions. Ask yourself what's important to you about an issue and why.



Choose a location, date, and time. You can host a Cafe Society discussion in your home, at your church during coffee hour, at your workplace during lunch, or at your public library. Other possibilities are your favorite neighborhood bar, restaurant, or coffee shop. We've also hosted Cafe Society discussions at high schools, art galleries, and museums. We recommend an hour of discussion time to keep the conversation focused on the topic.



Invite folks to attend your discussion. You can publicize your event with local papers, blogs, and on Facebook. Use the flyer on page 3 of this booklet. Fill in the details of your event.

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Talk is Action. Let's Get Talking.