

COMMON *Ground* **LANSING EDITION**

EXPLORING DIFFERENCES DISCOVERING SIMILARITIES

Ground Rules

- CHECK YOUR EMAIL AT LEAST WEEKLY!**
- Take initiative. Be intentional. It's up to you to keep in contact with your partner.
- Commit to meeting monthly for the whole year, but be understanding when life happens and plans change.
- Be honest with each other, as gently as possible.
- Listen and talk in equal amounts. Try to learn something new each month.
- Be willing to accept that you might be wrong about some things.
- Understand that not everything is a matter of "right" or "wrong." Some things are just "different."
- Remember: your partner's attitudes, assumptions, traditions, opinions, and beliefs represent only "him" or "her," not a whole race.