



## CONVERSATION-STARTERS

### HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONS

#### FIRST, NEXT MEETING

Some Common Grounders have learned to schedule their next conversation while they are face-to-face with each other, and to take care of this first, before discussing the questions below. So get out your calendars and set your next meeting—

Date:

Time:

Place:

#### NOW, CONVERSATION

Don't feel like you have to work through these questions systematically; just use them as a springboard to honest discussion. Feel free to ask additional questions as well.

1. Thanksgiving, Posada Navideña, Juneteenth, Dia de Muertos, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christmas, Kwanzaa—describe some of the traditions you observe for these occasions. Talk about the food, the music, the decorations, the rituals, and the people.
2. The pandemic forced people to make adjustments to their traditions. Did any of those adjustments become permanent for you?
3. What is something you would like to ask your partner that you haven't yet?
4. When you are with your Common Ground partner, do you choose words more carefully so you don't offend? In what ways do your Common Ground conversations influence the way you interact in other situations—family gatherings, the workplace, social media interactions?