



## CONVERSATION-STARTERS

### DEATH AND LIFE

#### FIRST, NEXT MEETING

Before diving into the questions below, get out your calendars and set your next meeting—

Date:

Time:

Place:

#### NOW, CONVERSATION

You don't have to work through all the questions below. You can ask each other additional questions as well.

1. Growing up, did your family observe Halloween, Reformation Day, Day of the Dead, or some other tradition? What was October like in your neighborhood?
2. Did you change your opinions about those celebrations when you grew up and had children of your own?
3. Talk about the symbols and experiences that are meaningful or confusing to you — ofrendas, haunted houses, trick-or-treating, costumes, pan de muerto.
4. Many of these traditions reflect cultural beliefs about death, life, and community. Does understanding someone else's cultural approach clarify your own?