

Conference Hosts & Honorable Guests



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“ *The practice of love begins with acceptance—the recognition that wherever we are is the appropriate place to practice, that the present moment is the appropriate time.* ”

bell hooks, *Toward a Worldwide Culture of Love*