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This year, the National Facilitators’ Meeting took place in Chicago in May. Conversations among the National Facilitators at this meeting, as well as among Center of Activity contacts at the annual Winter Meeting in January, are just two ways that leaders in the organization learn with and from each other, thus supporting the growth and development of NSRF work nationally.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, “Certainly there is a possible right for you that precludes the need of balance and willful election... Place yourself in the middle of the stream of power and wisdom which animates all whom it floats and you are without effort impelled to truth, to right, and a perfect contentment.” The 2004 NSRF Winter Meeting was a “journey through mud to magic” (to paraphrase my storytelling protagonist partner) which placed me back in the middle of the stream of my life, impelling me toward truth and right, if not perfect contentment.

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I am still thinking about the question, “What does equity look like?” Without open conversation, how will we get there? We won’t. We will continue as an institution to tell ourselves we are reaching all students when in fact the data shows something very different. When every student is empowered to take control of their learning and all students see themselves as a vital connection to the world, then we will begin the road toward real reform. Until then, the best we can do is pretend and congratulate ourselves for thinking we are doing the right thing, instead of actually doing the right thing.

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