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1. Be intentional in lifting up the various cultures represented in your congregation.

2. Be intentional in showing diversity in the signage in your church.

3. Be intentional in bringing inclusive voices to your theological reflections in sermons and small group discussions.

4. Be intentional in reaching out to immigrant communities surrounding your church.

5. Be aware of the different celebrations or ethnic events in your communities so that you can engage in those celebrations and share them with the congregation.

6. Be intentional about creating a worship that is authentically different than the traditional worship experience. *(Example: Hispanic Heritage Worship)*

7. Be willing to be uncomfortable so that others may be able to become comfortable in the setting of your church.

8. Be willing to learn a different language, sing a song in another language or read, sing and connect in another language.

9. Be willing to read a book about another culture and have small group discussions.

10. Be intentional in celebrating all the diversity in your congregation by showing commitment to being inclusive, open minded and willing to share your stories with one another.