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Adaptive Leadership for Equity

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Here's what we're going for...

- Connect with others during this new time, centering our **humanity over our jobs**
- **Explore adaptive leadership** as a frame for approaching our current equity challenges
- Use colleagues to support our efforts to **grow our leadership**



Connecting to Each Other

Affective Opener

What is a story that you want others to know about how you're experiencing this moment in America's racial history?



Opener

Breakout Room Conversation ONE



Opener

**In the chat box, how
are you feeling right
NOW?**



 Snap a photo if you want this for your breakout room discussion.

Principles

1. Nobody signed up for this.

- Not for the sickness, not for the social distancing, not for the sudden end of our collective lives together on campus.
- Not for an online class, not for teaching remotely, not for learning from home, not for mastering new technologies, not for varied access to learning materials.

2. The humane option is the best option.

- We are going to prioritize supporting each other as humans.
- We are going to prioritize simple solutions that make sense for the most.
- We are going to prioritize sharing resources and communicating clearly.

3. We cannot just do the same thing online.

- Some assignments are no longer possible.
- Some expectations are no longer reasonable.
- Some objectives are no longer valuable.

4. We will foster intellectual nourishment, social connection, and personal accommodation.

- Accessible asynchronous content for diverse access, time zones, and contexts.
- Optional synchronous discussion to learn together and combat isolation.

5. We will remain flexible and adjust to the situation.

- Nobody knows where this is going and what we'll need to adapt
- Everybody needs support and understanding in this unprecedented moment.



Affective Opener

Breakout Room Discussion

- **Reflect on how this syllabus made you feel**
- **In the breakout room, introduce yourself**
- **Share your reaction to the syllabus with your partners (8 minutes)**



Breakout Room Discussion (8 Min)



Affective Opener

Pair-Share Activity

- Find a partner from another school
- Who is someone that finds it easy to give you advice, especially when it isn't asked for? What makes it so easy for them to give you advice?
- What is some advice that you would give that person about giving advice?



Working towards equity means...

Eliminating the predictability of success and failure that currently correlates with any social or cultural factor



Interrupting inequitable practices, challenging biases, and creating inclusive school environments for all



Equity Collaborative Transformation Frame

Equity and Oppression

**Learning Theory and
Culturally Responsive Teaching**

Coaching and Facilitation



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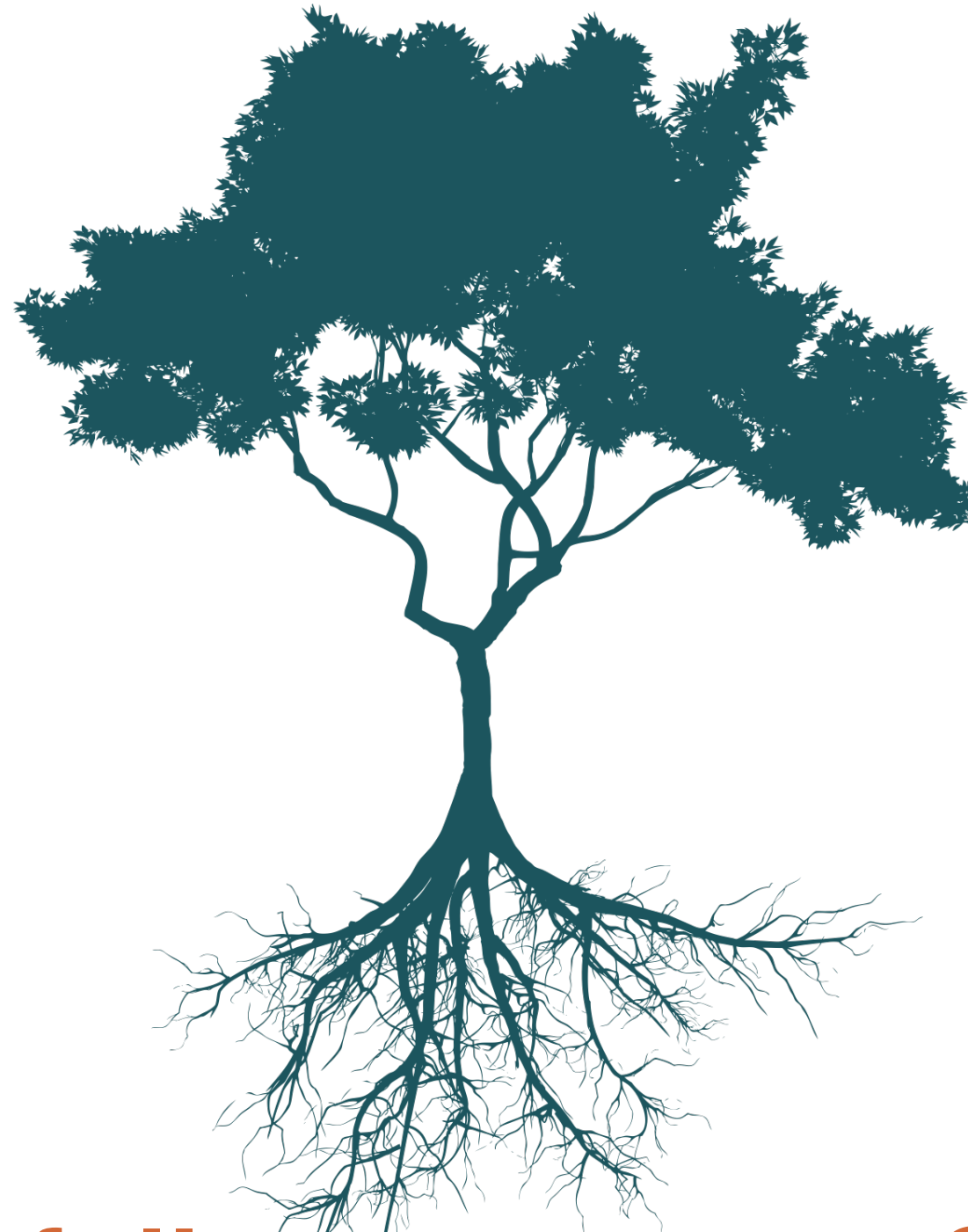


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**In the chat box...
Which area do you
believe you need
to focus as a
leader?**



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Kind of Challenges	Problem Definition	Solution	Locus of Work
Technical	Clear	Clear	Authority
Technical and Adaptive	Clear	Requires Learning	Authority and Stakeholders
Adaptive	Requires Learning	Requires Learning	Stakeholders



The Practice of Adaptive Leadership

Share with Us

Explain this concept of adaptive challenges in your own words.



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Audience Participation:

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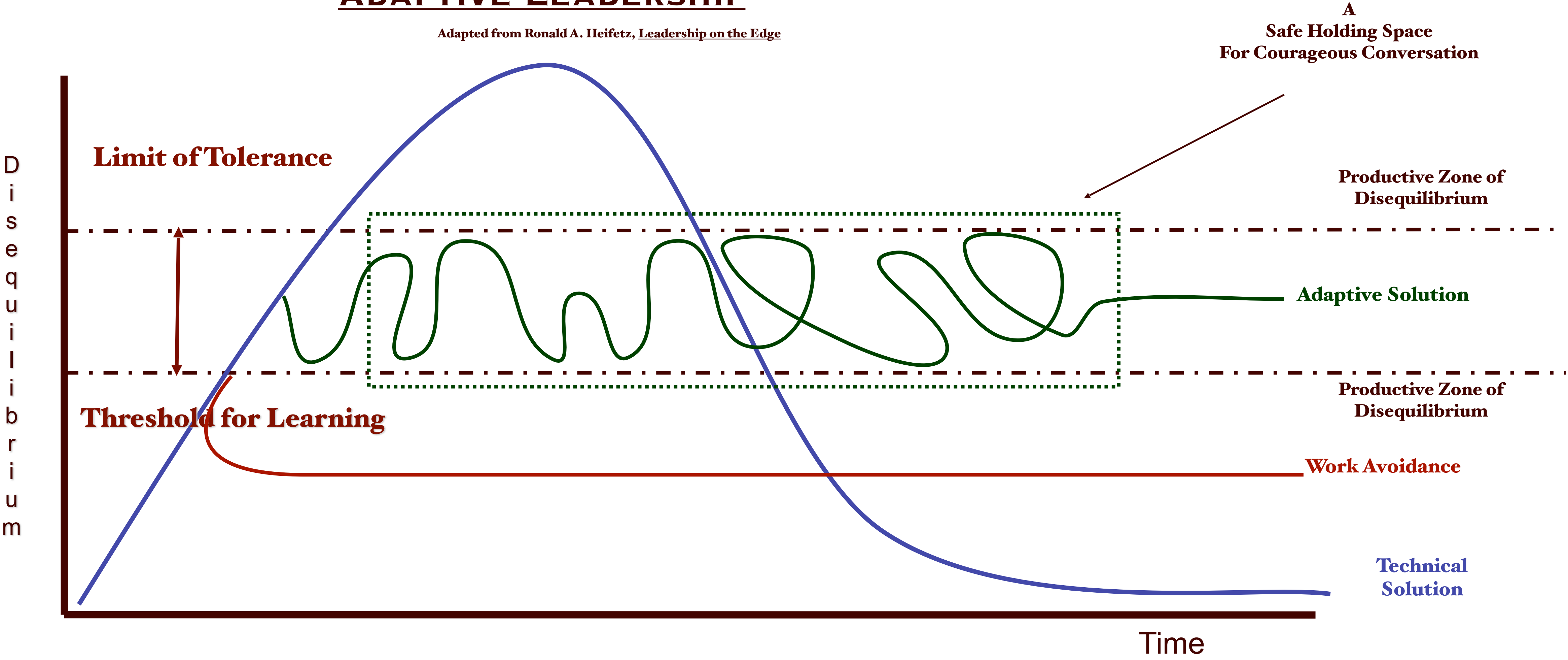
Task	Technical	Adaptive
Direction	Provide problem definition and solution	Identify the adaptive challenges, frame key questions and issues
Protection	Protect from external threats	Disclose external threats
Order Orientation	Orient people to current roles	Disorient current roles; Resist orienting people to new roles too quickly
Conflict	Restore Order	Expose conflict or let it emerge
Norms	Maintain Norms	Challenge norms or let them be challenged



The Practice of Adaptive Leadership

ADAPTIVE LEADERSHIP

Adapted from Ronald A. Heifetz, Leadership on the Edge



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**Even some “Technical”
issues have Adaptive
Challenges in an equity
context**



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**Get on the
Balcony**

**Identify the
Adaptive
Challenge**

**Regulate
Distress**

**Maintain
Disciplined
Attention**

**Give the
Work Back
to the People**

**Protect
Leadership
Voices from
Below**



The Practice of Adaptive Leadership

Poll:

Which of the practices of adaptive leadership interests you the most? Why?



Adaptive Leadership in Practice

Breakout Room Discussion

- **Share the adaptive leadership challenge most present for you**
- **Share how you're feeling about leading others on this work (15 minutes)**



Breakout Room Discussion (15 Min)



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Share with Us

What were some themes in your group?



Microlab Reflection Protocol

- **A way to process thoughts efficiently.**
- **Develops understanding across schema**
- **Emphasizes listening to support self-discovery**



Microlab Reflection Protocol

- *Everyone has time to write in response to a given prompt.*
- *Each member of the trio has two minutes to share what they wrote or what they're thinking without interruption.*
- *Repeat the process for the other prompts, each member of the trio sharing first at some point.*
- *Finish the protocol with time to discuss and respond to what they heard from each other.*



Breakout Room Discussion (30 Min)



Microlab Reflection Protocol

Prompt:

If you can change your focus from solving your problem to getting better at addressing it, what are some ways you want to grow through the process?



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Microlab Reflection Protocol

Prompt:

- **With regards to your challenge, what are the top and bottom limits of your zone of productive disequilibrium?**
- **Simply: What is the learning you have to do right now?**
- **What scares you about that?**



Microlab Reflection Protocol

Prompt:

Key to adaptive leadership is “Give the work back to the people.” What is some work that you need stakeholders to take on with your adaptive challenge?



Microlab Reflection Protocol

Group Discussion

Take a few minutes to react and reflect with each other.



Closing Thoughts

Large Group:

- **What from the microlab discussion would you like to share with the group?**

In the chat:

- **What feedback to you have for us on today's session?**
- **How are you feeling at the end of our time together?**



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