## The P.A.U.S.E. Method

Our ability to increase the consciousness of our decision-making begins with recognition that we all have bias and are willing to identify ours.

## Remember to P.A.U.S.E:

 ${f P}$  ay attention to what surprises you, makes you feel uncomfortable, or confused.

**A**cknowledge your own reactions, interpretations and judgments about this situation. What are/were you thinking at that time?

**U**nderstand and identify the other reactions, interpretations, and judgments that maybe possible. List them.

**S**earch for and identify the most empowering, productive way to deal with the situation from your list of possible alternatives.

**E**xecute your action plan.

## Your Challenge:

Practice using the P.A.U.S.E method daily for one week. Reflect on your experiences. Then, given your assessment of your behavior, revise a plan of action and implement the P.A.U.S.E method daily for another week. Notice your experiences.