

## Rationale for the Seminar

**Q: *What is a **Socratic Seminar**?***

A: A participant-based discussion designed to expand understanding ideas, issues or values within a reading(s) or other material.

**Q: *What are the goals of the seminar?***

A: Seminars encourage participants to:

- ◇ talk to one another, not just the leader
- ◇ think critically and clearly
- ◇ speak articulately
- ◇ listen and read better
- ◇ agree or disagree with each other
- ◇ gain diverse perspectives
- ◇ ask questions about unclear material