

## **“The Bridge Builder”**

### **Discussion Questions**

After hearing and/or reading “*The Bridge Builder*” by William Dromgoole, individual(s) should use the questions below to guide reflection and make meaningful connections.

1. As you reflect on your life, who has served or is currently serving as the “old man”?
2. Over what “chasm” did he or she build a bridge for you?
3. Are you a bridge builder? If so, then for whom are you constructing the bridge?
4. The “fellow pilgrim” thinks that the “old man” is wasting time and energy building the bridge because he’s already crossed the chasm. Who do you know that might share that perspective? What might someone be gaining by being singularly focused on a personal goal? What might someone be missing out on?
5. By building the bridge, the old man is leaving a legacy for the “fair-haired youth”. What is the legacy that you want to leave on this campus? With your family and friends? In your local and global communities?
6. What other thoughts do you have in response to this poem?