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## No Recipes, Just Relationships: Looking Inward to Create More Just Schools

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Often with fewer resources and greater needs, as we seek to increase access to quality and culturally-relevant education for all young people we might be tempted to look for tips and techniques. Unfortunately these recipes are at best well-intentioned efforts—without the impacts. More often these surface-level techniques build greater cynicism and decrease trust among us and among communities with whom we partner as educators. During this plenary keynote, <a href="Nanci Luna Jiménez">Nanci Luna Jiménez</a>, will elevate our conversation around equity, justice and healing. She will ask us to look inward and grapple with internal barriers and biases. She will also invite us to look outward, to name and understand systemic oppressions and their impacts—on us and the young people in our classrooms. She will explore the importance of listening and emotional healing, for ourselves and others; authenticity; trust; as well as context as she invites us toward a greater willingness to risk vulnerability as a leadership capacity and also as part of our human journey. Join us as we build and reestablish "Just Relationships" as the basis for renewing our commitment to increase equity in education!