From the Editor:

This book raises critical questions and proposes some alternatives for developing more effective and ethical models of practice within professions. McGregor challenges professionals to evolve beyond commonly accepted methods and views by engaging in critical reflection and transformative action.

Professionals who wish to embrace this new approach will find that a search for common ground is necessary to begin this personal and professional transformation. Such an undertaking requires a profound respect for differences and an awareness of the controversies that could thwart cooperation. Progress will need shared values and commitment to change, personal responsibility for outcomes, and a bias for action. Readers of Transformative Practice: New Pathways to Leadership will find both inspiration and practical advice geared toward enabling change, growth, and maintenance of relevancy in the midst of sweeping societal changes.

This book advocates that professionals view change as an opportunity, rather than as a threat. Opportunities are revealed when people question their way of doing business, and open their minds to new possibilities. May this book inspire new possibilities.
Transformative Practice: New Pathways to Leadership

Transformative Practice makes the argument that individuals, organizations, and entire professions must evolve and adapt if they are to effectively serve humanity and the common good within an increasingly imbalanced and volatile global environment. To achieve this evolution, transformative professionals are tasked with creating nothing less than a profound paradigm shift within their own practice and among the wider community that will extend outward to positively impact all of human society on many levels.

This new, transformative style of leadership will require change in pedagogy and professional development. Evidence will manifest itself through education at all levels, in refocused policy involvement, in new approaches to private and public enterprise, in civil society involvement, and in personal growth and reflection.

McGregor’s innovative, ambitious focus centers around the five themes of paradigm shifts, leadership, educational pedagogy, philosophical growth, and globalization. The resulting vision calls for a new, globally responsive model of professional practice that is dynamic and evolving, full of rich, reflective communication, replete with innovative practice, and guided by clear, far-reaching goals.

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This book will appeal to students and professionals who are interested in developing sound strategies for advancing an ethical society through personal growth and transformative practice.

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