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This collection of readings is the fourth in an annual series to share the perspectives, reflections, and strategies of our members. Many of the essays have been developed from sessions presented at the annual POD conference. Others are included because they complement the themes and concerns of our membership. None are copyrighted.

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