

Characteristics of Virtual Learning Community

- **collectively creates knowledge**, using computer-mediated communications and global resources;
- enables **individuals**, regardless of their race, gender, or class, to produce, access and interact with information in ways that are compatible with their **needs**;
- **embraces** the characteristics of each **culture** represented and includes them in the new cultural fabric;
- **respects different perspectives** and promotes diversity of thought;
- seeks and develops **commonalities** in experience and purpose (Feyten 1999:4).