**Figure 1-1. A SIX DIMENSIONS/FIVE TRANSFORMATIONS model of conversation**

by Dennis Rivers (for more information, visit www.newconversations.net/geometry_of_dialogue/) Please note that the lettering and numbering schemes used in this diagram are for ease of reference only and are not intended to indicate what comes first. In this view, conversation is a circular process having many important influence points rather than one starting place.

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**Dimension 1:** Processes of Experiencing
- observing, thinking/evaluating
- feeling, wanting/hoping (to, from, for / me, you, us)
- past, present & future
- anticipating (if...then...)

**Dimension 2:** Express, listen, reflect, summarize, question, take/yield a turn, declare intent & invite consent

**Dimension 3:** Conversational Actions
- awarely, clearly, completely, concretely, self-inclusively, action-oriented-ly, open-to-learning-ly, cooperatively, compassionately

**Dimension 4:** Conversational Style: HOW...
- completely, concretely, self-inclusively, action-oriented-ly, open-to-learning-ly
- awarely, honestly, cooperatively, compassionately

**Dimension 5:** Forms of Self-Awareness
- awareness of my own actions, self-listening & self-talk, thinking as inner conversation, exploratory self-questioning, taking the role of the other, listening through/to the body, journaling & meditation

**Dimension 6:** Inner Resources
- relationship history, context, stories, scripts, maps, skills, categories, metaphors, internalized others, projects, goals, promises, how I imagine you feel about me, how I feel about myself

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**Transformation A:**
Using my inner resources I translate and transform my experience into conversational intentions.

**Transformation B:**
Coordinated by my evolving sense of self-in-relation

**Transformation C:**
By adopting the participant-observer-learner stance and expanding my self-awareness, I can transform experience and conversational interaction into new or revised inner resources.

**Transformation D:**
Conversational self-creation: I take into my inner resources and sense of self all the messages, feelings, intentions and actions I generate toward you. My actions toward you become part of me.

**Transformation E:**
Using my inner resources (with varying degrees of self-awareness) to SELECT and SHAPE, I transform my perceiving into experiencing.

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**Exploratory Self-Questioning**
- How does this feel to me? What am I experiencing right now? How could I/we have done that differently? What can I/we learn from this? What inner resources am I bringing to this experience? What alternative inner resources could I bring to this experience? What solution might bring everyone more of what they want? What is the most important thing I want in this situation? What "maps" am I using and how could or should they be revised? (& more...)

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