



## CA House Multifaith Living Community



### Prospective Member Application 2010-2011

**Rent: \$673/month for a single (\$628 for income qualified students\*)  
\$408/month/per person for a double (limited availability)**

**Utilities and Program Fee: included in rent\*\*** for those living by the Multifaith Living Community Covenant: includes water, internet, trash and recycling pickup, use of electric vehicles. PG&E, gas and electric, is billed directly to each house.

#### Features of the Multifaith Living Community

##### In each townhouse:

- T-1 (high speed internet) line in each bedroom
- Green construction throughout
- Marmoleum floors in main common areas and bathrooms, carpet in bedrooms, hallways and stairs
- Dining room table and chairs provided
- Energy efficient normal capacity washer and dryer units
- Outdoor patio area
- Full kitchen with oak cabinets

##### For the entire Community:

- Free weekly vegetarian, kosher and halal community meal (Wednesday night)
- Shared use of electric vehicle
- On site management
- Use of community space inside the main CA House
- Access to a diverse list of spiritual mentors
- Opportunities for service with the entire community
- Retreats, classes, other programming

**Rental Information for Academic Year 2010-2011:** Rent in the CA House Multifaith Living Community includes monthly rent and a utilities and program fee. Applicants who choose to sign a Covenant that governs conduct and relationships in the CA House Multifaith Living Community are given priority in leasing and are offered a reduced utilities and program fee based on the assumption that they will conserve energy, and contribute to the health and governance of the community.

**Parking:** Our location makes alternative transportation to campus and downtown quite possible and easy. Residents are encouraged to use the shared electric vehicles or bicycles (40 parking spaces available.) Off-site parking is available for free at the United Methodist Church of Davis (1 mile away from CA House), except during the weekend hours of 10pm Friday-9pm Sunday.

On-site parking (some covered) is available for \$45 a month. Residents owning a car must purchase a CA House parking space and sign a year-long parking lease; neighborhood parking is not allowed. All residents with a parking space must display a CA House sticker.

**Covenant:** Based on our common values and hopes, the MLC covenant outlines the commitments we make to one another as members of an intentional community.

CA House pursues equal housing opportunities and does not discriminate based on race, national origin, religion, gender, familial status, sexual orientation, or physical ability.

**\*Reduced Rent:** Each year, CA House offers a limited number of rooms at reduced rents for students who qualify for Pell grants or meet other income requirements. For the 2010-11 school year, these rents are **\$628 per month. All students who think they could be eligible for reduced rents are strongly encouraged to inquire.**

**\*\*** For residents who choose not to live by the Multifaith Living Community Covenant, Utilities and Program fee is an additional \$100/month.

## Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Summer Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate or Graduate? \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to be a covenant member of the community? \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in: Same gender housing \_\_\_\_\_ Co-ed housing \_\_\_\_\_ Doesn't Matter \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for: a single \_\_\_\_\_ a double \_\_\_\_\_

If you are applying with a double, are you applying with a roommate? \_\_\_\_\_ Who? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need an accessible room? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have dietary restrictions that need accommodation? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note: if you have dietary restrictions that require compliance from everyone else in your house, you are encouraged to apply with a group that will fill an entire townhouse. If everyone in your group is not offered a lease, we can not guarantee that we will be able to accommodate your dietary restriction.)

Are you applying with other students who would all like to be housed together? If so, please list their names:

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Applying for a parking place? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for reduced rent? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the CA House Multifaith Living Community? \_\_\_\_\_

## References

References should not be relatives, but may include community leaders, work supervisors, faith leaders, friends, etc. Please list the name, address, phone number, email, and relationship to you of three references:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Essay Questions

Please familiarize yourself with the CA House Multifaith Living Community Covenant before answering essay questions. Please type one paragraph responses to any two questions and attach them to your Application. You may contact CA House at (530) 753-2000 or visit our website ([www.cahouse.org](http://www.cahouse.org)) with any questions.

1. Why do you want to become a member of the CA House Multifaith Living Community? What do you expect to receive from this community and what do you think you can contribute to it?
2. Recognizing that each of us struggles with faith questions at some point in our lives, and that it is often difficult to express our faith to others, please tell us something about your own spiritual perspective and personal beliefs. How does your faith influence the rest of your life, such as friendships, family, academic pursuits, community involvement, vocational goals, etc.?
3. What appeals or speaks to you in the CA House Multifaith Living Community Mission?
4. What about the CA House Multifaith Living Community Covenant and Member Responsibilities appeals to you? Is there anything that might be challenging for you?
5. What justice issue confronting the world today do you care most about and what do you feel an ethical response to it might be?

Please sign your Application. By signing this Application, you affirm that all statements made with it are true and complete.

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Printed Name

Signature

Date

If your Application is accepted, CA House will contact you to establish an interview. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until rooms are filled. Please remember to attach your responses to the essay questions and a financial form if you are applying for reduced rent. Applications are reviewed every Monday. If your application is approved, you will be contacted on the Monday afternoon following receipt of your application to set up an interview. You will be notified within one week if you will be offered a space.

Applicants are welcome to explore CA House with a member of our staff and to talk with current community members about their experiences at any of CA House's free weekly Wednesday Dinners held from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome for dinner—it's a great way to get to know CA House.

Please return completed applications to CA House at 433 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616. You may also fax your application to us at (530) 753-0132 or email to [cahouse@cahouse.org](mailto:cahouse@cahouse.org). If you have further questions please call (530) 753-2000 or visit our website: <http://cahouse.org/>. Thank you for your interest in the CA House Multifaith Living Community.

## Resident Covenant

### CA House Multifaith Living Community

*The CA House Multifaith Living Community is open to persons from all faith backgrounds. The Multifaith Living Community does not discriminate based on ethnicity, race, creed, age, culture, disability, economic class, gender identity or sexual orientation.*

**As a member of the Multifaith Living Community, I intend to strive for the following:**

#### Community

Communal life allows for mutual support and encouragement in the often challenging life of students. It calls us to be open, compassionate, and willing to grow. We learn that our lives are interconnected and we have responsibility toward all members as they do to us. In joining this multi-faith community, I intend to:

- \* bring my gifts to the life of this community and cherish the gifts of others.
- \* practice hospitality, by refraining from demonstrations of prejudice against any individual or group of individuals on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, politics, and/or socioeconomic status.
- \* take part in community activities.
- \* attend the Wednesday community dinners, unless my class or work schedule prohibits it.

#### Faith

Promoting understanding and mutual respect is essential in a multifaith community. In joining this multi-faith community, I intend to:

- \* explore my own spirituality.
- \* be open to learning about and from people of other religious traditions and faiths in my community.
- \* meet with a spiritual mentor at least once a quarter.
- \* stay open to sharing my understanding of my faith with the community, but refrain from attempting to convert others to my way of believing.

#### Social Justice

All major faith traditions call for social justice, asking followers to change the attitudes and structures, of themselves and society, which create poverty and oppression. In joining this multifaith community, I intend to:

- \* be just in my thoughts, language, and actions so that my work for justice will have credibility.
- \* seek to know the truth of situations, rather than relying on my prejudices and biases.
- \* work with the poor and other marginalized people with a spirit of solidarity toward a goal of structural change in society.
- \* give ten hours of service to my community each quarter (or thirty each year).

#### Simplicity of Lifestyle

Honoring simplicity allows us to value relationships over objects. Living simply brings us closer to awareness of spirit and creation, our humanity, and the affects our lifestyle has on others. In joining this multifaith community, I intend to:

- \* live life focused on people and relationships rather than objects and acquisitions.
- \* better my understanding of how my lifestyle choices affect others and also the earth.

***I have carefully read the above fundamentals of living an intentional life and, in a spirit of solidarity with other people of faith; I enter into this year-long commitment.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_