

Resident Agreement

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 through serving in a Community Life Position.
- * 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, including the Fall Community Retreat.
- * attend the Wednesday community dinners, unless my class or work schedule prohibits it and cook community meal with a group once or twice a quarter.

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.
- * share my understandings and learn about those of others by participating in a weekly CA House small group.

Social Justice

All major faith traditions call for social justice, asking followers to change the attitudes and structures, of themselves and society, which create 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 marginalized persons and groups 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: _____