

Muslim/Christian Dialogue Group, Richmond, VA



Ten Agreements

1. We all value hospitality and graciousness, and want the greater Richmond area to be a region that welcomes, accepts and affirms people of different backgrounds.
2. We all feel blessed to live in the United States, a country for which we feel love and to whose Constitution and founding principles, especially religious freedom and separation of church and state, we express loyalty.
3. We all strive to maintain very high standards for moral behavior in our personal lives, families, and communities.
4. Our faiths call us to be agents of morality, compassion and justice in our community. We value opportunities to pursue all these aspirations together jointly in public and private ways.
5. We welcome and protect the privilege of propagation of our faiths (evangelizing and da'wa) as essential religious duties in both Christianity and Islam.
6. We treasure relationships based on who we know each other to be, and not on how others of your faith act or speak.
7. We will, based on our personal relationship with each other, feel free to dialogue on religious issues, here and around the world, which cause us concern.
8. We will openly attest, among others of our own faith, to the positive relationships and respect we have for each other.
9. We pray that God's wishes and direction in our lives will find expression in our continuing relationships.
10. We will honor all of the above "agreed-upons" and, if we still don't see eye-to-eye, we will agree to disagree while holding hope for future positive discussions and eventual affirmation. We recognize and affirm our humanity as a gift from God.