

Right Relationship at LEADD

As an interfaith body that has comes together for this exciting program, it's important that we build authentic community. This means that we truly see each other, hear each other and trust each other as we live and work together. We come to LEADD as individuals – people wearing a variety of hats, identities, faiths, emotions and abilities. We are charged with doing hard work. Because we are an interfaith community, we agree to come together and work even though we may not know the person, the stranger beside us... If we open our hearts and minds, before we know it, we will become family...

We are here. One of our many roles is to help make this community as strong, as safe, and as comfortable as it can be. Each of us is committed to promote right relations between and among us. If something happens here that makes you feel uncomfortable as regards prejudice, racism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism, ageism and more, those are things that your counselors and staff need to know about so that we can support you. If it's a problem that needs to be addressed – no matter, how big, or how small, we can work with you and with others. If it's a story that needs to be lifted up – something positive, or negative, that you experienced, please let us know so we can share it with the whole community.... Talk to us.

We hope to hear from you, to hear the good stories along with the problems that need to be addressed. And we hope that we continue to live out our values as we do the work of interfaith understanding.

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