

Toward a Community of Compassion and Justice

A Pledge and Personal Commitment

I pledge from this day forward to do everything within my power to interrupt prejudice, to uphold the dignity of all people, and to stop those who would hurt or harass anyone or violate their civil rights. I will make every effort to be always aware of my own biases against those who are different from me. I will ask questions about cultures, religions, and races that I do not understand. I will speak out when anyone mocks, seeks to intimidate, or hurts someone of a different race, religion, ethnic group, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or gender identity. I will reach out to support those who are targets of harassment. I will think of specific ways in which my family, friends, colleagues, and community can promote respect for all people and create a truly inclusive environment for us all. I firmly believe that one person can make a difference and that no person can evade their moral obligation to oppose hate among us.

By signing this pledge, before a witness, I recognize that respect for individual dignity, achieving full equality, and opposing racism, anti-Semitism, ethnic bigotry, homophobia, or any other form of hatred, is the non-negotiable responsibility of all people.

My Signature

Witness Signature

My Printed Name

Date

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