

## Calgary Interfaith Council Invites You to Take the Civility Pledge



### *I Choose Civility: Listening, Caring, Engaging*

#### **Practicing Civility in the Home, Workplace, and Public Arena**

The Calgary Interfaith Council functions on the principle that listening, caring, and engaging others with respect and humility are essential to building healthy and harmonious relationships among people of all faiths and backgrounds. Hospitality is central to all religious and ethnic traditions. Civility is the most basic ingredient in hospitality. As such it is the virtue that sustains a pluralistic society. Civility makes it safe for us to live together and learn to celebrate our differences so that we may experience the benefits of diversity.

We invite you sign the CIC Civility Pledge and be a force for enhancing our society. Please sign the pledge below and take your place among women, men and children who are committed to restoring civility to personal and public discourse.

#### **The CIC Civility Pledge**

1. I pledge to embrace the principle that all people are created equal and that each person possesses inherent dignity and goodness.
2. I pledge to encourage genuine dialogue with people who identify as minorities in order to enhance community inclusiveness.
3. I pledge to prioritize relationships over ideologies by striving to appreciate people whose ideas I may disagree with.
4. I pledge to respect others' experiences as true and valid for them and seek to come to new understandings through honest conversations.
5. I pledge to renounce stereotyping and prejudices, including those based on race, ethnicity, religion, sex or gender, and ability.
6. I pledge to enhance my capacity for empathy and compassion by living in the present moment and letting go resentments that derive from my personal history and my cultural memory.
7. I pledge to engage people in an open and neighborly spirit, sharing their joys and sorrows, and caring about their human problems and concerns.
8. I pledge to impart my views with honesty and sincerity on the basis of mutual trust without compromising my faith or principles.
9. I pledge to engage persons of all religions in order to accord them freedom and human rights.
10. I pledge to encourage others to engage in similar efforts to bring civility and compassion in their daily conversations in the home, workplace, and public arena.

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

Yes  No *I consent to having my name included in the publication of the Civility Pledge*