



CONNECTION CIRCLES HOST COMMITMENTS

MISSION STATEMENT:

We care for one another and support each other's spiritual growth in safe nurturing small groups, so people experience more community, commitment and belonging with the Center for Spiritual Living.

TITLE: Host/Hostess

SUPPORTED BY: Lead Facilitator, Co-Facilitator & Group Participants

TIME COMMITMENT: 5-7 weeks, one time each week for each week of the series

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A desire to share their spiritual gifts and home with others
2. A commitment to be flexible and cooperative in support of the facilitators
3. Consistent in what you say and do
4. Friendly and hospitable

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide a clean, quiet and comfortable space in your home each week during the entire series.
2. Before participants arrive, attend to your pets, children, TV, phone, etc. to limit intrusions and distractions from the purpose and experiences of the group.
3. Have a music player set up and available for use during the gathering. (Having quiet, meditative music playing before and after the gathering will contribute to an atmosphere of peace and calm in the room.)
4. Set up simple refreshments (coffee, tea, water) before the gathering time in order to be ready to greet participants with warmth and ease.
5. Arrange chairs in a circle, making sure there are enough seats for all who have signed up for the group, including the facilitators, yourself, and one empty chair.
6. Meet people at the door, show them where to put their coats, and point out the restroom facilities.
7. Display a genuine interest in each person to create an atmosphere of love and acceptance for everyone. Introduce people to each other by first names. The facilitators will assist with this.
8. Wait until the participants have departed before cleaning up and rearranging the furniture.

Notes:

- We are so grateful you volunteered to be a host, and we hope we can find a facilitator match for you.
- A member of the core leadership team may be contacting you to arrange a visit to your home.

Connection Circles Host Screening Form

(Please turn into Registration Desk or drop in the tan wall-mounted box to left of the desk)

Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Hm Ph: _____

Email: _____ Neighborhood Name _____

1) Is there plenty of parking at/near my home? _____

2) Is there a security gate at my home? _____

3) Is my home accessible for disabilities? (Stairs, hills) _____

4) Do I have comfortable seating for 8-10 people? _____

5) Do I have pets? _____

6) Are my pets and I comfortable being in separate rooms for the duration of the meeting? _____

7) Do I have children? _____ (ages): _____

8) Is my house large enough so our meeting space will be quiet with my children in the house? _____

9) Do I find myself uncomfortable with any aspect of the listed responsibilities? _____

10) Can I turn off my phones for the duration of the meeting? _____

11) Will my home be available for the full five to seven weeks of the group? _____

12) Do I have a CD/cassette player and a place to plug it in where the group will meet? _____

13) Am I comfortable providing water, tea or coffee? _____

14) Do you have other requirements (eg., shoe-free, perfume-free) _____

Date: _____ Additional Notes/Comments: _____

Tear off-strip for host:

1. My home has adequate parking nearby for up to 9 vehicles.
2. My home is reasonably accessible in inclement weather.
3. I have specified if there are any challenges for physical disabilities.
4. My home is available for the duration of the Circle, generally up to 7 weeks.
5. A meeting place is available with comfortable seating for 8-10 people.
6. There is a contact phone for members to call prior to the meeting if necessary.
7. The meeting space will be prepared and reasonably clean prior to the arrival of the facilitator.
8. The facilitator will be able to have a few minutes of quiet time in the meeting space to prepare for the meeting prior to the arrival of members.
9. It is possible to serve simple refreshments at the conclusion of each Circle time.