

GUIDELINES AND GOALS FOR INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

1. We bring our full religious identity to the table.
2. We are here to gain understanding and build relationships, not to debate others' beliefs or defend our own.
3. We listen carefully and assume good intentions.
4. We honor our own and others' experiences as valid.
5. We do not assume that others have knowledge of our own perspective but take the time to explain.
6. The goal of dialogue is not to eliminate differences of opinion and conviction, but to gain understanding and acceptance. Dialogue does not seek to defeat, silence, or convert the other but to learn, understand and come to know.
7. Respect every faith and people of every faith.
8. Stand for mutual understanding and avoid hateful language against another.
9. Provide a forum for all faiths to interact, exchange ideas and build bridges.

“When you have knowledge, then you can have respect”. Dr. Mohammed Shafiq