

Respectful Community Conversations

4/11/25 Meeting Notes

Site:

Nest Realty

129 W. Wolfe Street Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Thursday, April 24, 7:00-8:30PM

Co-Facilitators: Chris Rooker, Irvin Peckham. Notetaker: Wendy Wintermute

Participants: Harvey Yoder, Joe Holmes, Bob Bersson, Deborah Clayton, Abby Christophel, Javier Calleja, Roman Miller, Winston Wenger

Guidelines

- Try to limit your response to one minute.
- Please do not interrupt a speaker.
- Please do not argue with what someone else has said. Our purpose is to listen to and learn from each other.
- If you feel uncertain about what someone else has said, try to restate in your own words what that person has said and ask if your interpretation was right.
- Look for areas of common belief rather than difference.

Agenda

Approximate Subjects

time

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Welcome/Purpose
Harvey's Blog Post
Try to sit next to someone you don't know
Facilitator role
Review guidelines

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Introductions (each person responding):
Read & reflect on Harvey's blog: Labels & Values
What labels might you use to describe yourself?

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Crosstalk: responses to what others have said. Maybe signal to facilitators that you have a response to someone or to everyone in general..

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Q1: What are your personal beliefs and community values? What do you think is important for our community? Maybe bring in personal experiences that have shaped your beliefs. Again: we'll just go around the table so that everyone has a chance to respond

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Cross talk, responses

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Looking for common beliefs, values in our conversations. See whether we can identify some.

10 Crosstalk, responses

5 Next steps. Suggest topics for next monthly meeting.
Do you know anyone who might be interested in this kind of conversation?
Evaluation: Please go the website and give your response to this conversation and any additional suggestions for our next meeting in a month.