NAVIGATING DAILY LIFE WITHIN THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE

Understanding how we feel as women of faith within the political environment.

PARTICIPANT OBJECTIVES

To express our feelings in terms of belonging or being marginalized as a result of political rhetoric and action

PROCESS

Welcome by co-leaders and host

Introduction, sharing of good and welfare, and explanation that this is an opportunity to share our stories regarding the impact of the political environment on our feelings (sense of belonging, feeling like an outcast, feeling proud, feeling scared, etc.) Please note that as a nonprofit organization (a 501c3), we are not permitted to take any political action in the name of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom. Therefore, the Sisterhood does not take any political position.

DIALOGUE

- What role does your practice of faith play in the current political or societal environment? How do you feel about this?
- How, if at all, has this affected you, your family, your friends and your faith community?
- What have you done and what can you do to respond to the political/societal climate?
- What have you seen others do that you consider to be effective?
- In what ways, if at all, does religion reinforce political legitimacy? How do you feel about this? What can be done to combat this?
- What else can you do as a woman of faith to respond to your feelings resulting from the political environment?