

WHY I LOVE BEING A JEWISH OR MUSLIM WOMAN

PURPOSE

To practice speaking about, and listening to, the teachings and perspectives of our sisters' religious and spiritual traditions with respect, openness, and appreciation.

PARTICIPANT OBJECTIVES

To learn to listen with compassion and to build respect of each person's personal story.

PROCESS

Welcome by co-leaders and host. Ask each person to think of an experience they have had of open, respectful communication across religious boundaries, and ask them to share it with the group.

DIALOGUE

- Complete the phrase: "Why I love to be a _____" with whatever word or phrase most clearly describes their spiritual or religious identity, expression, path, or practice.
- What would you like others to teach about your faith as you live it?
- What key differences do you have from others in your tradition or in other traditions?
- How would you like others to speak and act around you in relation to your faith?
- What would you suggest that we do next time to create more trust, more understanding, and more creativity in our interfaith dialogue in this group?