

# F.R.A.N.C.I.S. Commitment to Civility in Discourse

I commit to:

**FACILITATE** a forum for difficult discourse and acknowledge that all dialogue can lead to new insight and mutual understanding.

**RESPECT** the dignity of all people, especially the dignity of those who hold an opposing view.

**AUDIT** myself and utilize terms or a vocabulary of faith to unite or reconcile rather than divide conflicting positions.

**NEUTRALIZE** inflamed conversations by presuming that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith.

**COLLABORATE** with others and recognize that all human engagement is an opportunity to promote peace.

**IDENTIFY** common ground such as similar values or concerns and utilize this as a foundation to build upon.

**SUPPORT** efforts to clean up the provocative language by calling policymakers to their sense of personal integrity.



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