



JCMA - PRINCIPLES for Interfaith Dialogue

**‘Careful attention will be given to language content and style’
‘Great goodwill be presumed in developing Jewish/Christian/Muslim understandings’**

AIMS:

1. To provide all participants with opportunities to interact with one another
2. To ensure a climate of respect and empathy with each other
3. To endeavour to hear and understand other participants
4. To build personal relationships and develop friendships between participants
5. To discover and recognise similarities as well as differences
6. To start or enhance an ongoing process of discovery
7. To better understand our own strengths and weaknesses
8. To provide all opportunities required for each community to have regular prayer
9. To provide opportunities for each faith-group to welcome others to prayer or meditation
10. To provide opportunities for engagement in the Holy Texts of each faith group
11. To develop a group (JCMA participants) with a new shared knowledge and experience

EMPHASES:

12. JCMA activities are about meeting people of our own religion and others.
13. We hope to understand other faiths (and our own) more deeply by starting to discover what they mean to other people who live them.
14. We wish to develop an awareness of what is true and good and beautiful in faiths other than our own.

GUIDELINES:

15. No one is present to convert any other participant
16. Participants seek to explain and demonstrate what is deeply held and revered by them
17. Participants will endeavour to speak of and through their own experience and understanding and where generalisations are unavoidable, to be honest and as accurate as possible.
18. Participants will try to speak of their own faith perspective, leaving others to speak of theirs.
19. Each faith group will have equal opportunity and exposure
20. Participants will try to make sure that any terminology used is clearly understood.

*If you are unclear about a term, please ask for clarification. Others may also be unclear. Do not feel embarrassed. There are no stupid questions. All participants are present to learn.

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS:

May make contacts and choose to set up subsequent meetings, goals and projects.

THE EVENT:

Will not make nor seek to make nor be inferred as making any statements.

EVENT PROCEEDINGS:

Will be conducted in English

Any meals will be strictly vegetarian or halal and kosher may be requested

No alcohol will be served or permitted publicly or privately

There will be separate toilets (and where residential, bathrooms) for men and women

It is expected that participants will remain for the entire duration of the event.