



## Five Oaks Value Affirmation Agreement

Five Oaks is a sacred place where peoples of all faiths, as well as spiritual seekers, can gather in community to live, work, learn, pray, heal and act for justice.

When we meet for programs we seek to be in community in a way that honours how we are interconnected with the whole web of life and allows participants to listen to their inner teacher as they grow in compassion and promote peace in the world.

In a Five Oaks program we seek to understand and learn from each other, creating covenants together that nurture safe environments where transformation is possible.

Five Oaks is an interfaith & intercultural education and retreat centre. Muslim, Christian and Six Nations communities are important partners as we move into the future. We continue to seek new partnerships with people of different faiths, cultures, organizations concerned with the healing of people and creation and with groups that work for social justice.

As we gather, we seek to acknowledge the First Nations territory where we meet, take care of the resources around us and reflect on the legacy of colonialism that continues to marginalize First Nations people.

In the program pitch, I can, on behalf of myself and the leadership team for this event, affirm and say yes to the following values:

- I am committed and willing to sharing Five Oaks space and grounds with other groups of various spiritual, cultural, and faith practices.
- I am committed to welcoming a variety of people as participants in the program. I am willing to be open to include people of a different faiths or non-faith backgrounds who have come to learn from various traditions/wisdom.
- I can live into the Affirming Statement for this event. As an Affirming Centre, we offer hospitality to everyone and celebrate human diversity in sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, ability, race, religion and age, regardless of economic situation.
- I and my leaders are willing to submit a Vulnerable Sector Police Check and provide references, and comply with our leader:participant ratio in Five Oaks' duty of care guidelines. If applicable, I will ensure my team provides nurturing, supportive and empowering leadership to young people.
- I will be intentional in caring for the natural world by minimizing wastes and committing to minimizing waste, recycling, and inasmuch as possible follow the environmental practices of Five Oaks

*I am committed to the above values at Five Oaks and attest that the program I am proposing will uphold these values.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_