



UNIVERSITY of
DENVER

STUDENT LIFE
Religious & Spiritual Life

University of Denver Religious Council Covenant

Vision

The University Chaplain passionately advocates for the integration of religious, spiritual and ethical voices and values at the University of Denver.

Mission

To that end, the Chaplain's Office

- nurtures the life of the heart and spirit, both individually and corporately;
- supports the integrity of each individual community member's quest for truth, meaning, and belonging;
- celebrates the diversity of the world's religious and spiritual traditions, especially as represented at DU;
- promotes meaningful encounters, engagement and understanding across lines of religious and disciplinary commitments; and
- challenges the community to translate its commitments into action.

The University of Denver Religious Council ("DURC") aids the Chaplain's Office in accomplishing that mission. The members of the University of Denver Religious Council ("DURC Members" or "Members") provide a variety of ministries at the University of Denver as support for existing student constituencies and for students, faculty and staff who wish to discuss their beliefs with a particular DURC Member. The DURC Members address issues affecting the religious needs of students, faculty or staff in the educational environment. Though each DURC Member may claim beliefs substantially different from one another, each of them agrees to work toward achieving a climate of cooperation and mutual respect.

Each DURC Member agrees to exercise his or her ministry in such a manner that provides great respect for individual freedom of choice by DU Community members. The DURC Member further agrees to work with respect and integrity of each other's traditions, the freedom to search for spiritual meaning, openness to learn from ongoing dialogue together, and a common commitment to a non-aggressive style of dealing with persons. Each member understands and agrees that he or she is a DURC Member at the discretion of the Chaplain's Office of the University of Denver to serve the expressed religious needs of the students in accordance with the provisions of paragraph number one below.

In expressing a commitment to the above, the undersigned (the "Member"), having been accepted as a member of the DURC upon submission of the appropriate applications, and execution of this Covenant and faithful adherence thereto, agrees with Colorado Seminary (the "University") as follows:

1. The Member has read and understands the attached University of Denver Religious Council Policies and Procedures (“DURC Policies”), and agrees to comply with them in full. The Member has executed this Covenant without reservation and acknowledges that the University has the right to remove the Member from the DURC if the DURC Member fails to satisfy any of the Member’s obligations or otherwise violates any term of the University’s Policies and Procedures, the DURC Policies, or this Covenant.
2. The Member agrees to attend a minimum of three-fourths (3/4) of the meetings and planning sessions of the DURC while a Member.
3. The Member hereby represents to the University that (a) all information contained in the Member’s Religious Council application is true and correct, (b) the Member is and will continue to be a duly authorized official or representative of the religious organization described in the Member’s Religious Council application, and (c) the Member has reason to believe that the Member has identified University community members who are members of or otherwise share the beliefs held by the Member’s religious organization.
4. The Member agrees to abide by any lawful University decision with respect to the establishment of the DURC, the lawful enforcement or amendment of the DURC Policies, or any other lawful decision that may be made with respect to the University’s educational mission.
5. The Member understands that DURC members are not University employees or agents, but instead are guests authorized to utilize office space and exercise those privileges specified by the University as a part of the University’s services to its students. The Member agrees that s/he will not lead others to believe that s/he is an employee, agent, affiliate, or other representative of the University. The Member agrees to respond to any inquiries by accurately describing the Member’s status as a guest of the University who is allowed to serve those students indicating that they are desirous of the Member’s services.

Religious Group Name

Authorized Signature of Applicant Date

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