

In these days, civility often goes down the drain when we talk to people who have opinions different from our own. Sometimes these "others" are our family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues or members of faith groups. Civility is lost when an otherwise friendly discussion turns to division. Listening Circles can help us learn to listen to one another, appreciate and understand different points of view, and to help us express our own points of view clearly and come away without rancor.

The Faith and Education Collaborative is sponsoring a conference entitled "Civility in Faith and Family". The keynote speaker, Sarah Read, will be followed by small group listening circles which will include people from different faiths, backgrounds and values. This is your opportunity to learn skills you can take home to help promote civil conversation with other faiths and in families.

Who? You, and your faith group and family.

What? Listening circles on civil discourse.

When? Sunday, April 11, 2010
from 2:30 pm to 5:00P.M.

Where? The First Baptist Church Education Building Fellowship Hall.

Why? To promote civil conversation and listening skills.

Cost? \$5.00 per person

Purpose of the Columbia Faith and Education Collaborative...

The collaborative seeks to develop and share models for dialogue within and between communities of faith and area educational institutions for understanding and advancing a culture of peace in the Columbia community.

A major objective is to help move our community away from attitudes of violence that pervades the present world and are often directed at people different from us. We strive to move the community toward a point in which we can have helpful dialogues about our differences and peacefully resolve conflicts.

Our aim is to lead members of various faith communities, particularly youth members, and educational communities toward a sustainable culture of peace.

Program

Introductions

Keynote speaker - Sarah Read, J.D., "Civility in Our Relationships"

Participation in Listening Circles

Future Plans

Closing - Refreshments will be available.

Registration Form

PLEASE REGISTER BY April 5, 2010.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Faith Community Affiliation:

Send registration form and \$5.00
check payable to MUMC:

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CIVILITY IN FAITH AND FAMILY

A Listening Circle Conference

Sponsored by
The Faith and Education
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April 18, 2010
2:30 - 5:00 P.M.
First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
1112 East Broadway