



Code of conduct for Sister City Member Citizen Diplomats

We do what we can to promote our personal growth to avoid self-serving impulses and become more effective citizen diplomats and sister city members. The following is offered as basic code of conduct principles embodied in the four pillars of Respect, Friendship, Brotherhood, and Love that sustains an enduring sister city relationship. These principles will increase our capacity to develop true and responsible citizen diplomacy and be more effective sister city members that will produce gratifying experiences within our sister city communities.

1. We believe in respect and promote the dignity, the worth, and the sacredness of every human person, including, of course, our own person.
2. We search, in all honesty, our minds and hearts to discover, acknowledge, and free ourselves from biases, self-serving impulses, discrimination, oppressions, violence, unenlightened and unanalyzed opinions, and judgments.
3. We welcome dialogue among ourselves in which we listen sincerely and speak honestly in an atmosphere of genuine respect and freedom.
4. We Honor convictions that people live by, even though our persuasions may differ.
5. We Live by basic ethical values and norms, rooted in common human nature – confirmed and clarified in our own spiritual, emotional, and cultural identities.
6. We share our dreams, ideals, deepest desires, hopes, and aspirations of world peace and harmony and continue to support each other in working toward fulfillment.
7. We together go in search of understanding of the universal human spirit that embraces us all and strengthens our ability to be effective citizen diplomats.
8. While we honor and respect what separates us, we rejoice over what unites us.
9. We crown all our efforts to live in communion with one another with an all inclusive, sacrificing love for every person. We are true to our individual selves when we reach out to each other.
10. We are grateful for our blessings and hopeful in our struggles. We celebrate life as one human family where people love and care for each other.