



BATTERED WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

CONVERSATIONS AT THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

First Sunday of every month, 2012 ~ 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
2340 East Stadium Boulevard, Suite 8, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(One block west of Trader Joe's)



Remain Loyal to the Disempowered

(January 1, 2012 topic)

What does "disempowered" mean?

Who is disempowered?

Who disempowers?

What is the cost of loyalty to the disempowered?

Am I loyal to the empowered
or the disempowered?

MISSION

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VISION

The **BATTERED WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN** creates a world in which each child, woman, and man values one another equally.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We choose these fundamental principles for guiding our thinking, conduct and practices as an organization:

- Remain loyal to the disempowered
- Lead the discussion
- Ask questions
- Challenge gendered assumptions
- Expose and oppose oppression
- Apply accountability
- Honor diversity
- Practice responsible environmental stewardship
- Speak truth to power
- Make privilege visible
- Eradicate misogyny

A community of hearts bearing witness

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January 1st ~ Remain loyal to the disempowered
February 5th ~ Lead the discussion
March 4th ~ Ask questions
April 1st ~ Challenge gendered assumptions
May 6th ~ Expose and oppose oppression
June 3rd ~ Apply accountability

July 1st ~ Honor diversity
August 5th ~ Practice responsible environmental stewardship
September 2nd ~ Speak truth to power
October 7th ~ Make privilege visible
November 4th ~ Eradicate misogyny
December 2nd ~ Planning for 2013 Conversations

Meeting Opening and Closing

We are here as a community of hearts to bear witness to past and present violence against women and children. This violence is created by perpetrators who rip through victims. Perpetrators create seismic waves of hatred and destruction that ripple out to families, communities and the world. This Battered Women and Children's Memorial Garden community dedicates our hearts, our time and our efforts today to you _____.

Read (a portion of) the article. Light Candle.

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We especially remember you _____ today.

Closing

We now depart from here as a community of hearts bearing witness to past and present violence against women and children, especially to you _____.

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