

Interfaith Interaction Guidelines

1. **Remember** the “[Golden Rule](#)”
2. **Relate** to others as equal partners in the search for truth
3. **Recognize** that listening as well as speaking is necessary for a genuine conversation.
4. **Treasure** the sense of wonder that comes with encountering the new, the unusual and the surprising.
5. **Be hungry** for knowledge about the other person's culture and religion. Learn to understand what others actually believe and value. Allow others to express beliefs and values in personal terms.
6. **Be honest** in sharing beliefs.
7. **Avoid** misrepresenting or disparaging other beliefs and practices
8. **Conversation**, rather than conversion is the focus.
9. **Respond** to others as a gift, not as a threat
10. **Be sensitive** to vulnerable people.
11. **Rejoice** in the richness of diversity

Adapted from: “Interfaith Lessons I Have Learned” by James Fleming