

## Community Energy Covenant - Event: \_\_\_\_\_

*I covenant with the community to take these actions:*

- 1) Expand my experience by connecting with people I don't know well and with whom I might not normally engage. Although I enjoy spending time with my friends, my goal is to become more connected to our community by forming new relationships.
- 2) Actively seek out people who are not engaged in the community and intentionally include them, not just by inviting them into my proximity but also by engaging them in conversation, etc.
- 3) Take care of my personal needs (sleep, alone time, etc) so that I can give my best self to the community. I understand that my full participation is needed to create a loving and supportive community, but also that my personal boundaries and needs are respected by the community.
- 4) Become more aware of my own prejudices and judgments in my interaction with others and actively work to confront and overcome them. I will be aware of power dynamics within the community and will work to give everyone an equal share of the community I am helping to build. If someone expresses a view with which I disagree, I will listen and ask questions in an attempt to understand his/her/zir point of view without malice or forceful projection of my opinions.

*I covenant to abstain from these actions that detract from our goal:*

- Engaging in exclusive behavior, such as spending excessive amounts of time with the same people. This type of behavior can be seen as being "cliquey" and it is detrimental to our community because it prevents it from being an open, welcoming, and safe space for all, especially for those who have no other safe space in their lives. When thinking about how I can be inclusive, I will remind myself of those times in my life when I have felt like an outsider looking in.
- Sexual behavior. We affirm the fact that we are sexual individuals. While this is an affectionate and loving community, it is not a sexual community. Sexualized behavior is exclusive behavior, and is not conducive to coming together in this safe and intentional space.
- Possession, use, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol.
- Violence, abuse, or harassment (physical, verbal, sexual, etc) and possession of weapons.

The Energy Coordinators are members of YAC who guide our community towards its purpose. The Energy Coordinators deal with minor covenant issues on a personal basis and can call a Conference Rules Committee for major covenant issues. For the well being of the community, I will inform an Energy Coordinator if this covenant is not being followed to its fullest potential.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_