

# Hineni House Community Covenant

I understand that my permanence at Hineni will require my commitment to uphold the following standards of conduct:

- I understand that Hineni House is an intentional community of a group of people who have voluntarily chosen to live together with a common purpose, working collaboratively to create an inclusive, spiritual lifestyle that reflects the core spiritual values of St. Margaret's Cedar Cottage Anglican Church and the current Hineni residents.
- I commit to active participation in the life of the community and to attend most (if not all) community meals, meetings, retreats, and other Hineni program events.
- I commit to developing a personal and communal Rule of Life, to adopt spiritual disciplines while living at Hineni, and to contribute to the communal Rule of Life of the house through an ongoing partnership with the director and the other Hineni residents.
- I agree to help create a system of house rules and to uphold it through my time at Hineni House.
- I agree to help create a system of house chores and to follow through with my assigned tasks and their frequency.
- I commit to attend the weekly meetings with the residents and the Hineni director, to contribute to the meals as agreed upon by the group at the beginning of the program, and to actively engage in the weekly house meetings. If unable to attend a meeting, I commit to giving notice and to not make missing weekly meetings a habit. I understand that my continual absence from the meetings and meals may jeopardize my ability to live at Hineni House.
- If needed or requested, I agree to meet individually with the director up to twice a month.
- I commit myself to actively listening to the other Hineni residents, sharing about myself as needed so as to create trust and an open environment, and to care for the overall well-being of the community.
- I commit myself to uphold the Hineni residents' confidentiality agreement which will be created at the beginning of the program.
- I commit to seeking the common good, to respectfully express my needs, and to seek transformation if conflict should arise. If a conflict arises I will follow the Hineni House conflict guidelines in order to help transform it.
- I commit to honouring and respecting the personal boundaries of all residents, staff and volunteers, and to make my own personal boundaries known.
- I commit to not being inappropriately intimate (emotionally or physically) with other residents to the

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detriment of the health of the Hineni community, and will immediately address this with those involved and inform the director of concerns in this area, whether about myself or other Hineni residents.

- I commit to refraining from alcohol abuse and illicit drug use.
- I commit to not smoking in the house and on the property of the house. I will inform my guests of this rule.
- I commit to not engaging in verbal or physical violence. I understand that any kind of violence will not be tolerated at Hineni House. Engaging in violence will result in the immediate termination of the lease without notice.
- I commit to being fully supportive of the mission of St. Margaret's as reflected in its ethos and values and do nothing that would detract from that.
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- I will abide by the Screening in Faith and Sexual Misconduct policy of the diocese (see <http://vancouver.anglican.ca/resources/hrscreeninginfaith> for details).

By signing I agree that I understand all points of this Covenant and that not following it can result in the termination of my lease.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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