

Recognition

The Experience

Ceremonies: Recognition

Recognition is a ceremony of inclusion in the Community, inclusion through common experiences, shared ideals, attitudes, and common procedures.

The ceremony is carried out at the request of a group of people and following a Service.

Those who will participate should have the written text.

The Officiant and Assistant stand.

Assistant: This ceremony has been requested by people who wish to actively include themselves in our Community. Through this Ceremony they express a personal and social commitment to work to improve their own lives and the lives of those around them.

The Assistant invites those who wish to give testimony to stand.

Officiant: The pain and suffering that human beings experience recedes when good knowledge advances, not knowledge at the service of selfishness and oppression.

Good knowledge leads to justice.

Good knowledge leads to reconciliation.

Good knowledge also leads us to decipher the sacred in the depths of our consciousness.

Assistant (and those giving testimony read):

We consider the human being to be the highest value—above money, the State, religion, the models, and social systems.

We promote liberty of thought.

We promote equal rights and equal opportunities for all human beings.

We recognize and applaud diversity in customs and cultures.

We oppose all discrimination.

We consecrate just resistance against all forms of violence: physical, economic, racial, religious, sexual, psychological, and moral.

Officiant: Just as no one has the right to discriminate against others for their religion or their non-religiousness, we affirm our right to proclaim our spirituality and our belief in immortality and the sacred. Our spirituality is not the spirituality of superstition, it is not the spirituality of intolerance, it is not the spirituality of dogma, it is not the spirituality of religious violence. It is the spirituality that has awakened from its deep sleep to nurture the best aspirations of the human being.

Assistant (and those giving testimony read):

We want to give coherence to our lives, to make coincide what we think, what we feel, and what we do.

We want to surpass bad conscience by acknowledging our failures.

We aspire to persuade and to reconcile.

We make a commitment to increasingly fulfill the rule that reminds us to “treat others as we want to be treated.”

Officiant: Let us begin a new life.

Let us search within ourselves for the signs of the sacred, and let us carry our message to others.

Assistant (and those giving testimony read):

Today we begin to renew our lives. Let us begin by seeking mental peace and the Force that gives us joy and conviction. Afterwards, let us go to those closest to us and share with them everything great and good that has happened to us.

Officiant: Peace, Force, and Joy for everyone.

Assistant (and all those present): For you also, Peace, Force, and Joy.