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## **Join Respectful Conversations about This Election**

*Minnesota faith communities invite their neighbors into a Respectful Conversation that will focus not on changing minds, but on softening hearts while discussing our future together.*

The conversations we have about elections feel like pick-a-side and fight-it-out discussions. With all the news about this campaign we have so many emotions – and so much to respond to – that it’s hard to know where to begin. When we do talk about the election, we can leave feeling worse about the people we disagree with, and sometimes worse about ourselves.

There is a way to talk about it all that feels open and honest. A place where you can be heard and learn about people with other perspectives. Thousands of Minnesotans have participated in Respectful Conversations since 2012. These facilitated, structured conversations are designed not to change minds but soften hearts on topics that divide us. We know that the emotions won’t end with the election results and there will still be work to be done post-election to create space for Respectful Conversations in our communities.

Experience a Respectful Conversation for yourself on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Valley Community Presbyterian Church. This congregation has chosen to be a source of peace, cooling the heat of divisive conversations through a Respectful Conversation. Join in to learn how you can have a great conversation that builds empathy even over division.

“This process was wonderful and hope-filled.” –previous participant

**Event Details:**

*A Respectful Conversation about This Election*

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

(Dinner is provided.)

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

3100 Lilac Drive North

Golden Valley, MN 55422

**Registration Opens October 24<sup>th</sup>!**

**Please reserve your spot by registering online at <http://bit.ly/signupRC>**

The Respectful Conversations Project is a program of the Minnesota Council of Churches designed to strengthen civic life in Minnesota. Congregations throughout Minnesota like Valley Community Presbyterian Church have hosted conversations that explore issues through the lens of deeply held convictions while maintaining, even enhancing, relationships among those who disagree. We invite you to share this with your community and join us on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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