

Putting Love In Action

What are your core values? Take some time to consider what values are most important to you and shape the way you live.

Circle the 8-10 value words that are most important to you. Feel free to add your own words using the blanks.

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| truth | fun | teamwork | harmony |
| curiosity | wisdom | service | patience |
| efficiency | flexibility | excellence | productivity |
| initiative | perspective | beauty | health |
| tradition | commitment | freedom | risk-taking |
| power | learning | friendship | simplicity |
| courage | harmony | influence | independence |
| excitement | honesty | decisiveness | comfort |
| creativity | prestige | justice | belonging |
| happiness | prosperity | quality | inclusion |
| honor | discipline | hard work | joy |
| innovation | order | diversity | leadership |
| obedience | fairness | strength | serenity |
| effectiveness | spirituality | self-control | reliability |
| integrity | cooperation | success | authenticity |
| peace | humor | stewardship | _____ |
| loyalty | collaboration | support | _____ |
| love | empathy | equality | _____ |
| persistence | family | patience | _____ |
| relationships | open-mindedness | growth | _____ |

Of the 8 you have circled, list the top 3. Take time to think about how you try to live each of these values each day.



Where Brokenness Meets Blessing

LENT WITH THE ROOM IN THE INN COMMUNITY



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

MATTHEW 5:6

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A Hunger that Moves us Forward

One of the first things visitors notice when they enter Room In The Inn's Campus is the set of words stretching nearly the entire length of our Activity Center wall: *Through the power of **spirituality** and the practice of **love**, we provide **hospitality** with a **respect** that offers **hope** in a **community** of **nonviolence**.*

In this statement are our seven core values. They express how things look when all things are as they should be.

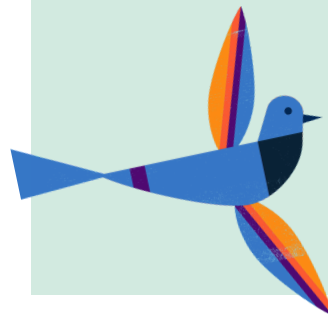
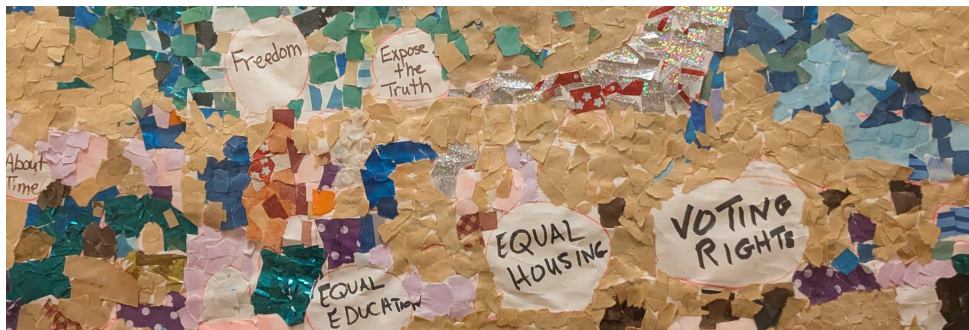
How often is everything going as we want it to at Room In The Inn? That would be exactly zero percent of the time. Yet the vision of how things should be keeps drawing us forward. Each day, we take small steps to close the gap between our dream and our reality.

The righteousness Jesus talks about in the Beatitudes goes beyond an personal piety or avoiding sin. Righteousness is a way of life marked by love for God and neighbor, just relationships, and grace. It is forgiveness of wrongdoing, love for enemies, and equitable sharing the abundance of the earth.

Jesus surprises us by blessing not with those who are already righteous, but those who hunger and thirst for it.

At Room In The Inn, we share that hunger. We long to build a community of nonviolence, an alternative way of living in the midst of our violent, divided world. We believe we can get there through the power of spirituality and the practice of love, by sharing hospitality, respect, and hope.

And so the work before us is to keep hungering, to refuse to accept the world as it is. To catch a glimpse in our daily living of that coming day when justice flows feely and every hunger is filled.



I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Divine Discontent *by Charles Strobel, Room In The Inn Founder*

Divine discontent lives in us whenever we yearn for...love, whenever we imagine a world without war, a nation without poverty, a city without homelessness, a family without abuse, children without empty stomachs, and an economic system without greed. We should take heart that we can imagine a better life for everyone. For when we do, God's divine story becomes more and more a part of us. This discontent is grace. It carries us on the journey as we help others along the way.

Question of the Week

What is something in the world - or in your life - that you wish could be made right?

Reflecting on Last Week's Beatitude

Many people reflected on "Blessed are the meek" by naming people whose lives have shown both strength and humility: parents, grandparents, teachers, mentors, and friends. This quote from one of our recovery community residents helped us understand this Beatitude more deeply:

If you can't kneel for something greater than yourself, you can't stand for something greater than yourself.

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