



Agreements

The mission of Casa da Calma is to uphold the tradition of the sacred Santo Daime doctrine and practices. The intent of this doctrine and practice is to provide for transformation and evolution of all persons seeking enlightenment in communion with the Divine through the use of the entheogen Santo Daime in the syncretic Christian-Shamanic ritual.

Although all are welcome to participate in the ritual for the gaining of truth, knowledge and self-transformation, proselytizing is strictly forbidden. Membership in the church is gained only upon the serious request of the participant.

The responsibility of members of the church, Casa da Calma, is to live the teachings of the doctrine, love God, love the earth, love all beings in creation, including oneself, love and respect all brothers and sisters, accept the truth of one's divinity and one's faults, and learn to embody forgiveness, compassion, and humility.

Intention

All members of the community are to serve in ways that reflect honesty, integrity and wisdom. These guidelines apply to the teachers or elders of the community as well as the students or visitors.

Money

We agree to respect the property of others, to assist in bringing consciousness to the use of all the earth's resources, to be honest in our dealings with money and at all times maintain clear and honest business practices.

We respect the sacredness of the spiritual work and avoid the promotion of products or services or any form of solicitation or exploitation in the environment of the works.

Harassment/Discrimination

We agree to provide an environment that is free of harassment of any form including discrimination because of age, sex, religion, creed, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.

To protect the welfare of all people we realize that inappropriate sexual relations or the imposition of opinions, prejudices, or personal preferences of any kind is detrimental to the welfare of the individual and the community.

Participants Rights

We seek to preserve the autonomy and dignity of each person. Participation in the works must be voluntary and based on prior disclosure and consent given individually by each participant. Disclosure

shall include discussion of any elements of the practice that may present physical or psychological risks, including medication contraindications and dietary considerations.

Participants must also be advised that participation can be difficult and dramatically transformative. Consent shall include signed medical history, consent forms, and general guidelines for the works. Limits on the behaviors of participants and community members are to be made clear and agreed upon in advance. All reasonable measures will be taken to ensure participant's health and safety during the works and during the vulnerable periods that may follow.

Confidentiality

We respect the privacy and confidentiality of each participant in the works and in the community. It is usually not constructive or necessary to talk about other people. We agree to speak that which is true and necessary, to refrain from gossip in our community, to cultivate conscious and clear communication, and to cultivate the qualities of honesty and kindness as the basis for our speech. We recognize that competition, mistrust or the spreading of rumors destroys the spirit of kindness and union which is the heart of our spiritual beliefs.

In the event of conflict or interpersonal difficulties, we strive to first resolve the problem directly with the individual. If the situation does not resolve we agree to seek counsel and/or guidance from firstly, either a point leader or elder within the community, the Padrinho or Madrinha connected to the church/point, or the Council of Churches. Throughout the process we abide by the above principles of confidentiality.

Integrity

We strive to be aware of how our own belief systems, values, needs and limitations affect us and therefore our ability to serve others. We are willing to examine our own motivations, practice self-reflection and we subscribe to the value of self-examination in order to promote personal growth in ethics. When uncertain whether a particular situation or course of action would violate these Agreements, we agree to consult with appropriate counsel in order to choose a proper response. If a situation arises whereby these Agreements have been violated, we agree to practice truth-telling and agree to seek help to remedy the situation.

Competence

To maintain integrity within our community, we agree to assist with only those practices for which we are qualified by personal experience, training and education. Peer feedback is essential for community health, as is individual willingness to recognize and address issues of projection, transference and counter-transference. This includes personal, monetary, religious, racial or sexual considerations. We acknowledge the need to ask for assistance, training or supervision where necessary to maintain this integrity.

Tolerance

We agree to practice openness and respect towards people whose beliefs are in contradiction to our own. We share the teachings of the Santo Daime with those who seek this path and these truths, while recognizing that proselytizing is forbidden. To help safeguard against the harmful consequences of personal and organizational ambition we avoid active promotion of the Church.

Substance Use

The use of any illegal substances during the works or in the vicinity of the works is forbidden, as is the use of any other sacrament.