

Christian Resurgence Circle (CRC)

Definition, Purpose, Commitments, Vows

CRC Definition

The Christian Resurgence Circle is a group of people who may or may not have a relationship to any given religious tradition and who are dedicated to being a resurgent form of Christian expression. We are a diverse, ecumenical group welcoming persons of all races, cultures, classes, genders, and sexual orientations. We are open to deepening our spirit understanding through encountering diverse traditions.

CRC Purpose

Externally, the purpose of CRC is to keep resurgent Christianity alive and contribute that spiritual energy to the most relevant movements for general social change.

Internally, the purpose of a CRC is to nurture, train, and spiritually mature its members. We nurture one another by providing a place of trust and honesty where healing can take place and where our theological understanding can be thoroughly integrated into our lives. We train one another for effective action by clarifying our understanding of our world and how it may most effectively be loved and appropriately changed. We mature our spiritual enlivenment by deepening our awareness of and openness to awe-producing Reality, thus becoming a hothouse for growing spiritual freedom. This takes place by individually committing to continual growth and by holding each other accountable for being our most profound integrity.

CRC Commitments

1. I will attend a weekly meeting of a CRC at an agreed upon time, day, and place.
I will be present physically, psychologically and spiritually.
I will notify the group when I am unable to attend.
I will come prepared to the extent preparation is agreed upon.
I will be an active participant.
I will be honest and help others to be honest.
I will share expressively—risking vulnerable thoughts and feelings.
2. I will set aside time daily for a solitary exercise supporting my Christian practice founded on the dynamics of dialogue, contemplation, and prayer that I may more fully live from the dynamics of Christian resurgence.
3. I will reflect upon my personal calling in relation to the social indicatives of the present and take appropriate actions.
4. I will follow spirit leadership and, when appropriate, be spirit leadership to this group.

CRC Vows

The past is past, I vow to let it go.
The future is coming, I vow to open to it.
The present is glorious, I vow to embrace it.
My life is accepted, I vow to accept it.

Delusions are inexhaustible, I vow to renounce them.
The deluded are numberless, I vow to liberate them.
Injustices are rampant, I vow to correct them.
Earth restoration is critical, I vow to accomplish it.

Spirit teachings are boundless, I vow to master them.
The Silent Void is devastating, I vow to trust it.
The Boundless Fullness is overwhelming. I vow to love it.
Realistic living is impossible, I vow to vow it.