The Deaconess Anne House 5.0 Rule of Life

2017-2018

As a community of radical hospitality, we are committed to using our giftedness to best fulfill our communities’ needs. We aim to be a symbol of hope through outward service, connectedness, and inward growth. However, we strive to join the mission of love already present in this space. **We commit to practicing**:

Chapter 1: Stability through

* Committing to the Old North St. Louis neighborhood by attending and hosting community events
* Investing in the neighborhood beyond the DAH 5.0 year
* Participating in Morning Prayer Monday-Friday
* Participating in Monday night Eucharist and community dinner
* Attending church regularly and visiting parishes around the Diocese of Missouri
* Cultivating relationships with other service corps
* Committing to shared meals together throughout the week, even when we are not on good terms, remembering the importance of being in communion with one another

Chapter 2: Obedience through

* Honoring our commitment to the chore board
* Respecting each other’s personal growth and context
* Agreeing to be respectful even in situations in which we do not agree
* Agreeing to turn to each other when we err, being willing to forgive and be forgiven
* Giving a respectful notification or asking permission when we invite guests into the house and having a conversation if the stay is longer than 7 days
  + If the group is larger than a small gathering, asking permission rather than notifying
  + Being respectful of noise levels in the house at night for those who are sleeping
* Giving a respectful notification to each other if we will be absent outside of the normal schedule
* Addressing how previous grievances have been handled throughout the week at Friday Chapter Meetings

Chapter 3: Conversion of Life through

* Having and intending Chapter Meetings, Friday Discernment, and Spiritual Direction to be a time for personal and spiritual growth
* Being fully present
* Confronting our privilege through conversations and relationships with those in various walks of life
* Willingness to honor the other’s need and desire for communal prayer when requested
* Attending the Jesus and Empire course
* Cultivating relationships with Spiritual Directors, Mentors, and Jillian

As the Deaconess Anne House 5.0 community, **we commit to the following**:

Chapter 4: Values

* Moderation
* Commitment
* Empathy
* Learning
* Consideration
* Wisdom
* Vulnerability
* Community
* Communication
* Thoroughness
* Hospitality

Whenever we go against the defaulted set of rules, we agree to give a respectful notification. We also agree to revisit and revise this Rule of Life every 3 months.

The following undersigned agree to live in accordance with these rules and do all in our ability to uphold one another in this community and order of life, in the sustaining grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.