



BATTERED WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

## CONVERSATIONS AT THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

First Sunday of every month, 2012 ~ 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
2340 East Stadium Boulevard, Suite 8, Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
(One block west of Trader Joe's)



### Remain Loyal to the Disempowered

*(January 1, 2012 topic)*

What does "disempowered" mean?

Who is disempowered?

Who disempowers?

What is the cost of loyalty  
to the disempowered?

Am I loyal to the empowered  
or the disempowered?

### CONVERSATIONS AT THE MEMORIAL GARDEN, 2012

#### DATES AND TOPICS

January 1<sup>st</sup>

Remain loyal to the disempowered

February 5<sup>th</sup>

Lead the discussion

March 4<sup>th</sup>

Ask questions

April 1<sup>st</sup>

Challenge gendered assumptions

May 6<sup>th</sup>

Expose and oppose oppression

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Apply accountability

July 1<sup>st</sup>

Honor diversity

August 5<sup>th</sup>

Practice responsible environmental  
stewardship

September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Speak truth to power

October 7<sup>th</sup>

Make privilege visible

November 4<sup>th</sup>

Eradicate misogyny

December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Planning for 2013 Conversations

**A community of hearts bearing witness**

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## GATHERING OPENING AND CLOSING

### Opening

We are here as a community of hearts to bear witness to past and present violence against women and children. This violence is created by perpetrators who rip through victims. Perpetrators create seismic waves of hatred and destruction that ripple out to families, communities and the world. This **BATTERED WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN** community dedicates our hearts, our time and our efforts today to you \_\_\_\_\_.

Read a portion of an article. Then light the candle.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The **BATTERED WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN** is an alliance of people desiring an end to violence. We form a beacon of hope to honor the disempowered, remember those lost, and inspire justice through bearing witness, education, advocacy, and service.

### VISION STATEMENT

The **BATTERED WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN** creates a world in which each child, woman, and man values one another equally.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We choose these fundamental principles for guiding our thinking, conduct and practices as an organization.

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We especially remember you \_\_\_\_\_ today.

### Closing

We now depart from here as a community of hearts bearing witness to past and present violence against women and children, especially to you \_\_\_\_\_.

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