**ABCUSA PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CIVIL DISCOURSE**

**Mission Statement**: The National Institute for Civil Discourse (NICD) integrates research, practice and policy to support and engage: a) Elected officials who are capable of working to solve the big issues facing our country; b) A public that demands civil discourse as well as government that works in the best interests of the country as a whole; c) A media that informs citizens in a fair and responsible way.

ABCUSA will partner with NICD on the Initiative to Revive Civility.

**The Initiative to Revive Civility** (IRC) is a grassroots movement to engage individuals and local communities in civil discourse through the election season. Taking a multi-level approach, activities include: Guided one-on-one conversations and small group dialogues to help people build relationships and promote civility across cultural and political lines; working with local elected officials to encourage civil behavior and issue proclamations to promote civility; short-term national efforts to engage communities in civil discourse; and Text, Talk and Revive Civility – a messaging platform to handle discussions about civility and respect in public life for young people and adults.

**The Goals of the Partnership with NICD are:**

1) ABC will publicly endorse the Initiative to Revive Civility bringing visibility to the organization.
2) ABC will be part of a growing network of community and faith groups who are engaging in advocacy on civility and respect in this uncivil political climate
3) To encourage clergy leaders and our members to sponsor IRC programs and participate in civility conversations.

**Benefits / Deliverables:**

1) ABC will be included in national publicity efforts.
2) ABC will collaborate with NICD to develop publicity materials to be disseminated to our members.
3) NICD will provide training, workshops and educational materials for ABC members.
4) ABC will participate in special VIP meetings and events.

For more information:
- Initiative to Revive Civility: [https://www.revivecivility.org/about-initiative-revive-civility](https://www.revivecivility.org/about-initiative-revive-civility)
- Training and Discussion Guides: [https://www.revivecivility.org/resources](https://www.revivecivility.org/resources)
- NICD: [https://www.nicd.arizona.edu](https://www.nicd.arizona.edu)