

## 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>

Training and Discussion Guides: <https://www.revivecivility.org/resources>

NICD: <https://www.nicd.arizona.edu>