

Policy for Interaction with Other Living Waters Montana Participants.

Over the course of our experience, we have found that certain things enhance healthy group dynamics and certain activities detract from Living Waters Montana being a healthy, healing experience.

One of the important goals of Living Waters Montana is to create a holy, safe and intimate context where the deep wounds of each group member's heart can rise to the surface and begin to be healed through the care and prayers of the group.

Because many Living Waters Montana participants suffer from emotional and/or sexual addictions, we have learned that certain boundaries must be erected to safeguard the intimacy and sanctity of the group. We have seen the effectiveness of Living Waters Montana be greatly undermined when people intertwine the unique intimacy forged in Living Waters Montana with socializing outside of the group.

In order to maintain our goals of providing the best healing opportunity possible, we ask that you refrain from social contact outside of the parameters of Living Waters Montana with other group members for the course of the 22-week program. Exchanging phone numbers within the small group will be at the discretion of each small group leader.

We realize that there will be certain exceptions to this rule, such as when two group members attend the same church and share in the same church functions. While bona fide church group activities may be shared, we ask that you refrain from one-on-one contact outside of those group activities and maintain the spirit of this policy. Please share with your small group leader if you find yourself in this situation.

Another exception would be if a small group wishes to do an activity together outside of Living Waters Montana. We ask that the small group leader be present and that the entire small group be invited.

Over the course of Living Waters Montana, the group coordinator or small group leader may make exceptions to this policy or modify aspects of this policy as seems appropriate to individual or small group situations.

Living Waters Montana does value the importance of healthy friendships. We believe that the primary place for those heart investments to be made is in the context of one's local church. We believe that it is important to develop relationships with people who do not share our same sexual vulnerability in the context of the church.

Living Waters Montana is a unique context where we can discuss and receive healing from the fears which inhibit our greater integration into the Church and into healthy friendships.

I understand and will abide by the policy of refraining from outside social contact with other Living Waters Montana participants. I agree to discuss any complications with this policy with my small group leader. I understand that any willful dishonesty or disregard of this policy may lead to my forfeiting my place in the Living Waters Montana group.

Printed Name _____ Signature _____

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