

## Responsive Aspiration – ‘Differences’

We are people who are all different, one from another and we gather here together today, in loving-kindness, to celebrate the differences between us, knowing that diversity does not mean divisiveness, but is our richness and strength as we build beloved community. We can all live together in peace as soon as we follow our deepest longing and come home to our hearts.

We are people of different sexes, genders and sexualities.

- *We gather together in respect, that we may all live together without fear.*

We are people of many races and colours, backgrounds and cultures

- *We gather together in peace, that we may all live together in freedom.*

We are people of all ages

- *We gather together in concern for one another, that we may be cared for during all stages of our lives.*

We are people of different faiths and of none

- *We gather together in sharing, that we may learn from one another.*

We are people of differing abilities

- *We gather together in compassion, knowing we are all equally valued.*

We are people living in a variety of circumstances

- *We gather together in solidarity, striving for justice for everyone*

We are people facing both common and individual obstacles and problems in life

- *We gather together in helping one another, that we may live in understanding*

We are people who are different, one from another in all sorts of ways

- *We gather together in love, that we may live in harmony*

We gather together in celebration of our differences, knowing that we are all of one race, the human race, and that we are all children of the Universe, part of the inter-dependent web of all existence, and we are united as one in the love of the Divine. **So be it.**