



## Dinner Dialogue Hosts: FAQs

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Thank you for registering as a Host for the Amazing Faiths Project Dinner Dialogue in your area. Below are some FAQs about being a host at one of the dinner dialogues. Please feel free to contact your community organizers with any other concerns or questions you may have.

### 1. Who are the hosts?

Hosts are communities who provide space for the Dinner Dialogue. In volunteering, they are agreeing to provide the space and the meal for the evening event.

### 2. Where are the dinners hosted?

Using either private rooms or a large room where the tables can be far enough from other tables to provide privacy for conversations. Your building may be able to host three (3) tables of 8-10 or up to six (6), so please map out the space before letting us know number of tables we can try to fill, we may not fill all you can offer and we will know a week prior to the number of participants.

### 4. What do hosts provide other than physical space?

Hosts volunteer to provide a meal for the group; however, the menu need not be expensive or fancy. A simple nutritious VEGETARIAN meal is all that is required. Vegetarian does NOT include meat, poultry, or seafood or any other animal flesh. Hosts should also observe the following restrictions:

- No Alcohol of any kind, either as a beverage or cooked into the food.

- No pork or pork products

- No shellfish (shrimp, lobster, scallops, etc.)

- No peanuts or peanut products

- Nothing too spicy (or offer a non-spicy alternative or let people add their own spice)

Hosts provide a hospitality team that helps greet, serve, and help with any issues that may occur, who do not participate in the dialogue as they will have to miss some of the conversations. We recommend a team equal to the number of tables.

### 5. What are the best foods to serve?

Anything that meets the above restrictions is fine. Easy sample menus could include any of the following items, alone or in combination:

- Veggies & pasta, beans and rice, stir fry veggies & rice, veggies & potatoes, veggie soup & salad.

- Bread and make-your-own salad bar.

- Water, lemonade, fruit juices, caffeine-free soft drinks, tea, and coffee.

- Cookies, brownies, or fruit for dessert.

### 6. Do we need to rent table settings or dinner items?

No. Please keep it simple and use what you have at your building.



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### 7. What if people have special dietary restrictions?

Your organizer will provide the host team with assistance meeting any special dietary requests of guests, i.e. kosher, halal, vegan, or other such needs. Guests are asked to list their dietary restrictions upon registration.

### 8. Is the host team allowed to participate in the dialogue?

Yes and no. If you have enough team members to handle the host duties during the dinner dialogue, those that desire to be part a table should have registered as other guests as well as communicate with the organizers to be aware they may be assisting before and after the meal and dialogue.

### 9. May I invite people to the event?

Yes. Please encourage everyone to register through the ICGM's website ([www.interfaithconference.org](http://www.interfaithconference.org)) This is not a typical social event, and it is carefully constructed to provide the maximum religious diversity among the guests. Moreover, the dialogue doesn't work as well if people know each other prior to the event; therefore, please encourage members to be work as mostly as hosts, and to perhaps register for other dinner dialogues, as well.

### 10. Are hosts obligated to host these guests again after the dinner event?

Not at all. Many groups continue to meet in the weeks or month after the dinner; however, they meet in the homes of others in the group, in restaurants or at other events in the area. Hosts are not obligated to host anything at all after the dinner event. Moreover, hosts are not obligated to meet again at all with the people in their table groups.

### 11. Photography

We ask hosts to take on the responsibility of photographing the event. This will help take the responsibility off the moderators. Please see Photo Guidelines document for instructions.

### 12. Advice for hosts

Have everything done 15 minutes prior to guest arrival, as some guests may arrive early  
Also expect that some guests may arrive late.

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