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Compassion Unites

Organizational Declaration

*We, the undersigned,
united across traditions, disciplines, and geographies,
set forth this Declaration.*

RECOGNITION

We recognize that the global mental health crisis is accelerating in scale and severity, with consequences that extend across every sector of society.

We recognize that the forces driving this crisis are multiple and compounding, and that they are outpacing the capacity of any single sector to address them.

We recognize that among these forces, the erosion of belonging is overlooked and under-addressed, and that restoring the conditions for sustained human connection is essential to any credible response.

We recognize that substantial capacity to support mental health exists across sectors, yet this capacity operates largely in isolation.

We recognize that the scale of this crisis demands coordinated action across sectors that hold distinct mandates but share a common exposure to its consequences.

COMMITMENT

We choose to act together. This Declaration marks a collective undertaking across sectors that have historically addressed this crisis independently.

Each signatory contributes from its own mandate, expertise, and institutional capacity. This Declaration does not prescribe what each brings. It establishes that every signatory identifies and commits to a contribution within their means.

This is a sustained commitment, extending beyond any single event or initiative. The signatories to this Declaration commit to ongoing coordination, contribution, and accountability.

PRINCIPLES

In pursuit of these commitments, we affirm the following principles:

I. Community Capacity and Safeguarded Training

Support the development of training, resources, and safeguarding standards that equip community leaders to support mental health competently and safely, strengthening the connection between community-based and clinical care.

PRINCIPLES (CONTINUED)

II. Connected Pathways of Support

Build structured connections between sectors so that individuals can move between clinical services, community-based support, workplace programs, and other forms of care without falling through the gaps between them.

III. Evidence and Accountability

Ground all programs, partnerships, and interventions in research evidence and measure them by outcomes, contributing to a shared and growing evidence base that informs future action across all signatory sectors.

IV. Inclusivity Across Traditions and Contexts

Maintain genuine inclusivity across faith traditions, secular communities, and contexts of belief or non-belief, ensuring that no single tradition or worldview dominates and that every community can participate on an equal footing.

V. Humanity at the Center

Place the individual at the center of all activity undertaken in the name of this Declaration, upholding their dignity, autonomy, and safety in every context of support.

VI. From Declaration to Sustained Action

Ensure that the principles of this Declaration translate into measurable coordinated action across sectors, with regular review and accountability mechanisms to evaluate progress and adapt approaches as needed.

AUTONOMY AND SOVEREIGNTY

Each signatory to this Declaration retains full autonomy over its own teachings, practices, governance, and institutional identity, and advances these principles within its existing mandates and institutional frameworks. This Declaration establishes shared principles for coordinated action across sectors with distinct mandates. It does not prescribe method, dictate expenditure, nor require uniformity of approach.

CLOSING RESOLUTION

This Declaration initiates a sustained process of cross-sector coordination, evidence-informed activation, and shared accountability that its signatories commit to upholding.

This Declaration remains open for signature by any institution, organization, or community that shares its principles and commits to their advancement.