**Virginia Inclusion Summit** 

**Exploring Religion in the Workplace** 





# How are you entering this space?

Feeling great	
Doing okay	
Struggling a bit	
Feeling overwhelmed	
	Loading

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### **ESTABLISHING NORMS**

Listen - Actively Respond

- Silence can be deadly
   Dialogue, not Debate
- there is no "right" answer Remember impact vs intent Safety vs. Comfort Speak for yourself

Respect others
Turn to wonder
If you need a break from a discussion,
ask for one
Take responsibility for your own stuff
Believe the speaker
- they know their experience better
than you do



# **OBJECTIVES**

Recognize Challenges
Practice Inclusion strategies
Commit to an action step

- RELIGION IS A KEY ASPECT OF A PERSON'S IDENTITY
- BENEFIT OF AUTHENTIC CULTURAL EXCHANGE
- WORKPLACE DIVERSITY IS A STRENGTH



# LEGAL LANDSCAPE

- Title VII of Civil Rights Act
- Virginia Human Rights Act
- EEOC Guidance
- Reasonable Accommodations
- Case examples



### PEER SHARING

- Share a moment when religion was acknowledged (or not)
- What worked well?
- What could improve?

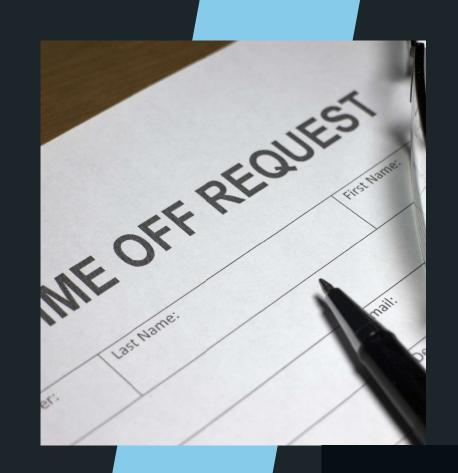




- How has religion shaped your work experience?
- What emotions does this question raise for you?

# WHAT'S THE SCENARIO?

- Employee requests time off for holiday
- Manager concerned about coverage
- How do you respond?



# **ACTION PLANNING**



Personal Commitment



Organizational Shift



Next Steps within 30 days

## **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- RELIGION MATTERS AT WORK
- INCLUSION REQUIRES AWARENESS + EMPATHY
- SMALL CHANGES = BIG IMPACT





# Thank you!

Feel free to stay in touch by using my QR code:



# Resource Page

<u>Virginia Human Rights Act</u>

**ACLU Know Your Rights** 

EEOC 8/13/25 Press Release

EEOC 8/22/25 Press Release

Religion in a Changing Workplace

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Future of Religion in the Workplace