



## CONSENT FORM FOR HUMAN PARTICIPANTS IN RESEARCH

Participant Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

You are invited to participate in a research study about how young people experience the sacred in their everyday lives. We use the term "**sacred**" as a term to describe any spiritual experience that involves an encounter that one would describe as spiritually meaningful or divine, whether with other people or with a higher power.

**Purpose and Description:** The goal of this research study is to understand how cultural and racial identities of young people shape their spiritual experiences. Up to 50 people ages 13-25 will participate in this study.

You are being asked to participate in an interview at a time and place of your convenience. Your interview will be hosted on Zoom, an online video-conferencing platform. The interview will last up to 60 minutes.

The interview will be audio recorded. In order to maximize confidentiality, your name will not be used on the recording by the researcher, and you will be assigned a pseudonym. The audio recording will be used to transcribe what was said during the interview. The transcription of the interview and other information collected will be stored in secured, password protected hard drives or in locked filing cabinets at the researcher's office.

Additionally, audio recordings will be erased three years after publication of research results. By signing this Form, you consent to the use of any or all of the quotes or information collected from you during the focus group as part of the study and any resulting research reports, in all formats. Research reports from the study will be used in Springtide publications. These reports and publications will not include any information that could identify you.

**Participation is voluntary.** You may decide whether or not to participate in this study and if you begin participation you may still decide to stop and withdraw at any time. Your decision will be respected and will not result in loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Participating in this study may not benefit you directly, but it will help us learn how to better support people who serve today's young people. There are no risks to you from participating in this study.

There is no cost to you from participating in this study. You will receive a \$20.00 gift card for your participation.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact the study's Principal Investigator, Dr. Nabil Tueme, at [nabil@springtidresearch.org](mailto:nabil@springtidresearch.org). If you have any concerns about your selection or treatment as a research participant, please contact the Office of Human Resources for Springtide Research Institute at 702 Terrace Heights, Winona, MN 55987, 507-457-7900.

If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Sterling Institutional Review Board Regulatory Department at telephone number 1-888-636-1062 (toll free) or [info@sterlingirb.com](mailto:info@sterlingirb.com).

Having read the above and having had an opportunity to ask any questions, please sign below if you would like to participate in this research. A copy of this form will be given to you to retain for future reference.

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Subject Signature\*

Printed Name

Date

*\*The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity enforceability and admissibility.*