

All-Purpose Form

Members of the Men's Center are entitled to participant in the annual meeting, use the reference library, receive *Men Talk* newsletter and enjoy reduced fees to Men's Center sponsored events.

- Please ENTER / RENEW my membership at The Men's Center for the next 12 months:
- Enclosed please find \$_____ \$25 (Regular) \$50 (Patron).
- I want to make an additional, tax-deductible gift of \$_____. (Thanks much!)
- Please send me information on the 12-week Men Helping Men with Anger Management classes.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Send this form to:

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Comments and Suggestions for the Men's Center:

About The Men's Center

The Twin Cities Men's Center is a non-profit organization supported by donations, contributions at meetings, memberships and grants from various sources.

Established in 1976, the Men's Center exists to help men find support and empowerment from other men and offers a variety of educational forums, peer support groups, and other activities to foster emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth. A major goal is to serve as a clearinghouse of resources for all Twin Cities men who are freeing, growing and healing.

Our Mission

The Men's Center provides resources for men seeking to grow in body, mind and spirit, and from that foundation advocates for healthier family and community relationships.

Our Values

1. We believe men can and should support each other through times of personal challenge and change.
2. We believe in authenticity, which means acknowledging to ourselves and each other our hopes, fears, strengths and weaknesses as men seeking to grow.
3. We believe in honesty among men, which means men freely expressing themselves emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually in ways true to their own growth and masculinities.
4. We believe in respecting diversity and mutuality in our support groups, workshops, conferences and outreach activities which means supporting and empowering all men.
5. We believe in the equality of men and women.
6. We believe in recognizing and appreciating our similarities and differences as humans of all races and national origins, and in the process fostering mutual respect and brotherhood for us all.
7. We believe in the power of our common humanity, which means regardless of our sexual orientations, gender identities, or other issues that separate us, what we have in common transcends our differences.

Sexually Evolving Male Drop-In Support Group



This group is for men who are evolving sexually and question how the evolving intersect with their day to day life.

Meets by Video Chat every Friday, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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About the Sexually Evolving Male Support Group

If sexuality is at the root of our existence and "change" is the only continuous thing in life. Why would our sexuality, how we identify ourselves, desires, and experiences be any different? This group is for men who are evolving sexually and question how the evolving intersect with their day to day life.

About Sexual Fluidity

Someone who is sexually fluid may be attracted to more than one gender. For many people, this means they may have had sexual experiences with both men and women. However, some may not have. Conversely, many people who are straight or gay have had sexual experiences with both men and women, but are indeed straight or gay. Remember, it is about attraction, not behavior.

According to studies, there are at least as many people in the United States that call themselves sexually fluid as call themselves gay. Yet western culture generally sees the world as black or white, and struggles with those who identify themselves as neither straight nor gay. As a result, it is a common experience for fluid people to be unable to find a community where they live. This often leads to feelings of isolation and, for some, the belief they are wrong in their identity or their feelings.

It is also common that sexually fluid men to come out later in life than gay men. Facts that many gay men find undeniable (I never want to have sex with a woman) can often be identified earlier, whereas many men's sexuality may be more complex and less clear. But no matter when in life a man decides to explore his sexuality, it may be important to find support from others who share what may be confusing feelings.

About Men's Center Drop-In Support Groups

The Mission of the Men's Center Support Groups is to create a safe place, in times of personal and social challenge, for any men and women to receive and to give support to one another; to share feelings and experiences which facilitates **self-acceptance** and **personal growth**.

In this support group you will find no one analyzing you or telling you anything about yourself, in fact, we actively discourage advice giving. What you will hear is other people's experiences, and you will be given the opportunity to tell your story in a confidential and non-judgmental atmosphere of support.

Most importantly, you will be encouraged to take time to examine your feelings about any issue you want; to truly examine who you are on an emotional level (something few men do). We refer to this as "getting some work done" and we think you will find it a truly wonderful experience!

We encourage you to use "I" statements. An example of this is: "I feel angry when you step on my toes." as opposed to "You make me feel angry when you do that." Using "I" statements clearly demonstrates taking responsibility for your feelings. Obvious examples of judging are "You are a mean person." or "People who do that are sick." but many judgments are more subtle. We want to avoid judgment not only because there is no one qualified to judge others' issues, but also we believe it's not our job to declare right from wrong, but rather to help people decide for themselves.

Common Questions

Q. Do I need to pre-register?

A. No, just come when you are ready.

Q. Is it confidential?

A. Yes, participants only use their first name. The Men's Center *never* reveals attendance information.

Q. Can I bring my partner / wife / lover / friend / roommate?

A. We recommend that people who live together or are in the same love relationship not participate in the same support groups.

Q. How much does the group cost?

A. Funding for the Men's Center comes primarily from memberships and donations from support groups. At the end of every meeting an envelope is passed and we ask for \$3-\$7, or what ever you can afford that night (no one is ever turned away for lack of funds). Consider membership!

Q. How do I become a member of the Men's Center?

A. Use the All-Purpose Form in this brochure.

Q. Is a support group like therapy?

A. No. In a support group your reality is confirmed and validated. In therapy you are encouraged to change your orientation to the world.

Q. What are the other Men's Center support groups and classes?

A. Anger Management, Addiction Busters, Divorce & Uncoupling, Gay Issues, General Men's Issues, Healthy Sexual Boundaries, Sexual Evolving Male, and Sexual Trauma & Abuse Survivors.

Q. Are there support groups for men outside the Twin Cities Metro?

A. While the Men's Center doesn't currently have any, we do maintain a list of resources on our web site, www.tcmc.org.