



Mission Statement Guidelines

Mission statements are often the verbal dreams of an organization. In the mission statement, the best and clearest ideas and ideals are expressed to show what is desired from those in the organization.

Creating a mission statement for your relationship is a process of thinking about desire. What do you desire the relationship to do, to provide, to become? Please think of even the most way-out desires that you have. Put all these ideas on paper. You may use a list, an outline, a narrative, anything that expresses what you like so that it can be understood by another person reading it.

Consider what life would be like if your mission statement was codified into a constitution for your relationship? How would it have to be enforced? Who would enforce it? What would be the outcome of positive consequences for compliance and what would be the negative consequences for non-compliance.

Consider how you will go about accomplishing what is in your mission statement? What are you willing to give up to accomplish your goals? What are you willing to ask of others to accomplish your goals?

Consider how to evaluate whether the items of your mission statement are working or not. What is the judgement criteria? Who does the judging? Who makes suggestions for change?

Consider how you would modify your constitution if a change was needed? Who would need to be informed of the change? How would they be informed? How long before the change was put in place?

With all these considerations and a written list of desires, you have a basis for a proposal for terms or relating, one to another.

Step One: Using the above criteria, write out your thoughts of the ideal mission statement. We will review these ideals together and see what is in your desires.

Step Two: Wait until we meet to review the two mission statements.