



A Blessing for Beginning the Work of Gender Equity

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Mikor HaNisiyon, God, Source of our Experience. You are Expander, Sustainer, Weaver, Defroster. You have created us in Your image, uniquely perfect, that we should each walk through this world with our own individual and personal experience.

As we come together as a board/ committee/ staff /task force, we pray that we will be guided by the wisdom that You have implanted in each of us, to wrestle and struggle with our tradition, to lift up words of Torah from every voice who speaks them, to illuminate the dark places of injustice, and to further the prophetic work of those who came before us.

May this group gather, meet, and disperse in harmony in order that our coming together will be for a purpose greater than we imagined. May those with privilege and power act as our Creator did and make space for those whose voices and experiences are hidden and buried. May those inclined to speak, listen, those inclined to whisper let their voices be fully heard. May we give each other the fullness of our hearts, spirits, and attention, so that our time is well-spent, and our rest well-earned. May young and old, progressive and conservative, woke and still waking up, pained, and proud, may we treat each other as the sacred sparks of an entire world.

May the Source of all of our experiences bless the work done by this group so that we can walk forward together to bring wholeness to each other, our communities, and our shared world.

Amen.