

## **GROUP VALUES CLARIFICATION EXERCISE**

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### Escape Pod

1. Everyone should briefly introduce themselves to the group of people at your table
2. Your group is charged with making the following decision:

As a result of military conflict, there has been an ecological disaster and human life on earth is no longer sustainable for the time being. Your group controls who will be allowed to board an escape pod, but there is room for only six people and there are ten people who have managed to make it to the launch point. You cannot let them fight among themselves to determine who will get the chance to spend the next few decades in space until conditions on Earth are once again compatible with human flourishing.

All you know about each of these individuals is the following:

- A. Is a politician and Québec separatist
- B. Is a nurse with 30 years of work experience
- C. Is a military officer whose orders indirectly led to the current ecological disaster
- D. Is a biologist and former Anglican priest who is 64 years old and diabetic
- E. Is a theoretical physicist who is clinically depressed and three months pregnant
- F. Is a librarian who sings in a choir, makes costumes for community theatre productions, and is a wheelchair user
- G. Is a sex worker, author, and artist
- H. Is a plumber who refuses to be separated from his daughter, I.
- I. Is a high school student and an aspiring Olympic cross-country skier.
- J. Is a short-order cook and freelance web designer

You have 10 minutes to decide who will go and who will stay.

3. Reflect on, and then share during the discussion, the values that emerged during the decision making process, both with regard to how to make the decision and to the content of the decision regarding who would go.