




Faith is a key component in the self identity of many newcomers




Faith groups
share the essential values of
compassion and caring and
encourage the practice of
volunteerism




Faith groups are
diverse, intergenerational
communities




Faith groups
are communal
and generous
with their resources



Why are faith groups and
secular groups not readily
working together to welcome
newcomers?




Faith groups are by nature
exclusive in their tenets




proselytize
verb pros·e·ly·tize

1. to **induce** someone to convert to one's faith
2. to **recruit** someone to join one's party, institution, or cause




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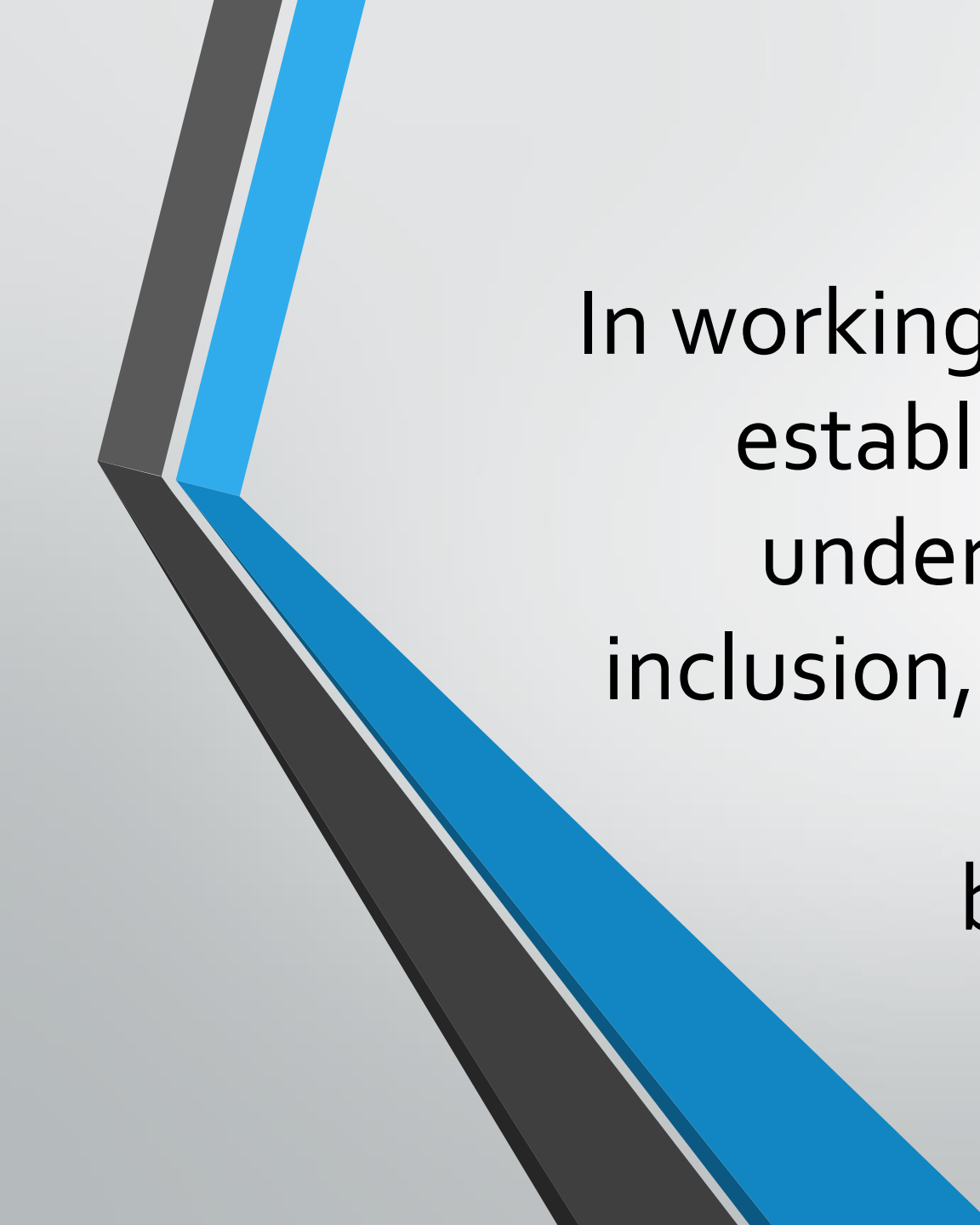
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In order to productively include
richly-resourced communities,
well-suited to welcome
newcomers
we all must change
our understanding of
collaboration



In working with faith groups we must establish and agree upon healthy understandings of invitation and inclusion, as well as clear boundaries for respectful engagement between those who believe differently



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verb col·lab·o·rate



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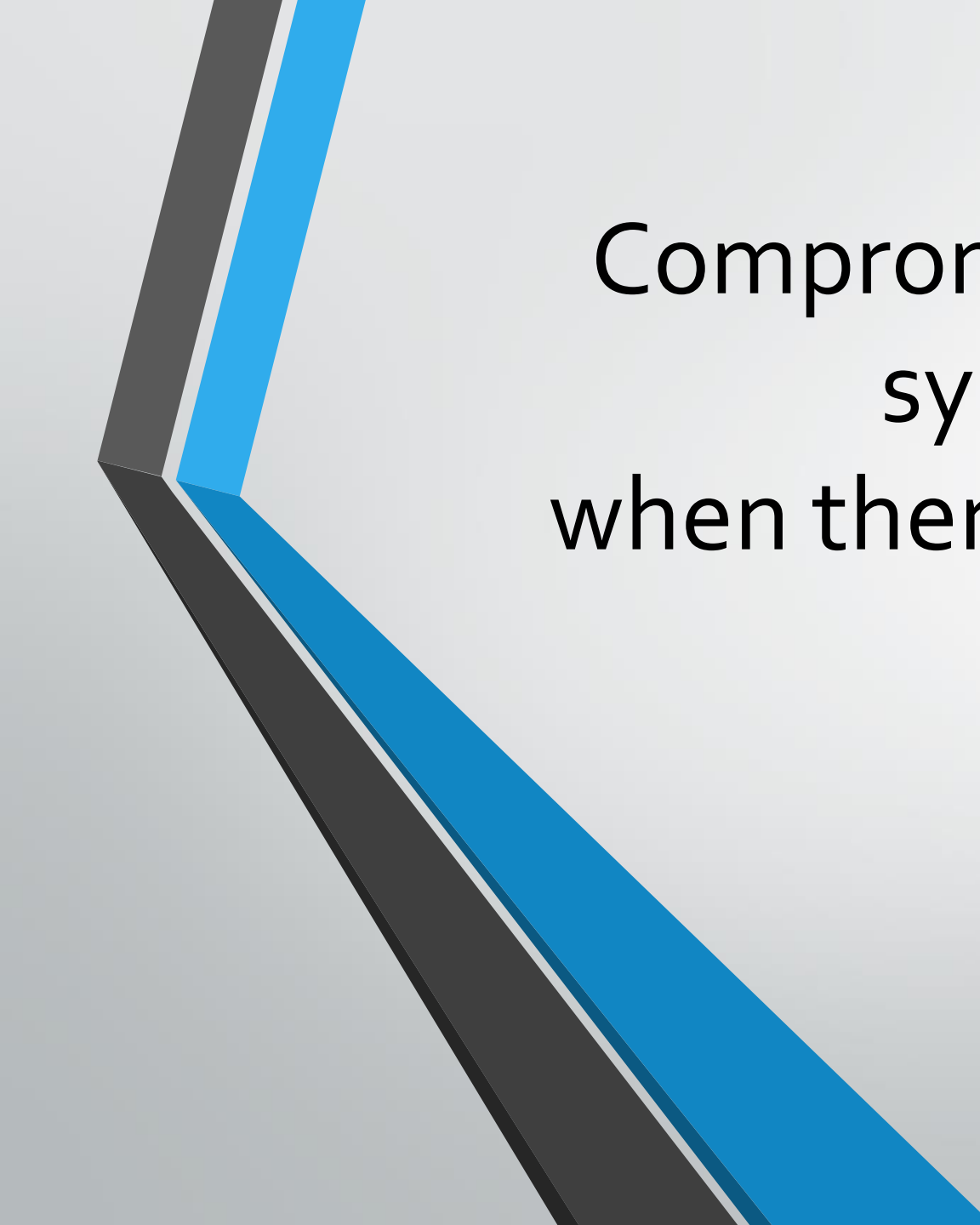
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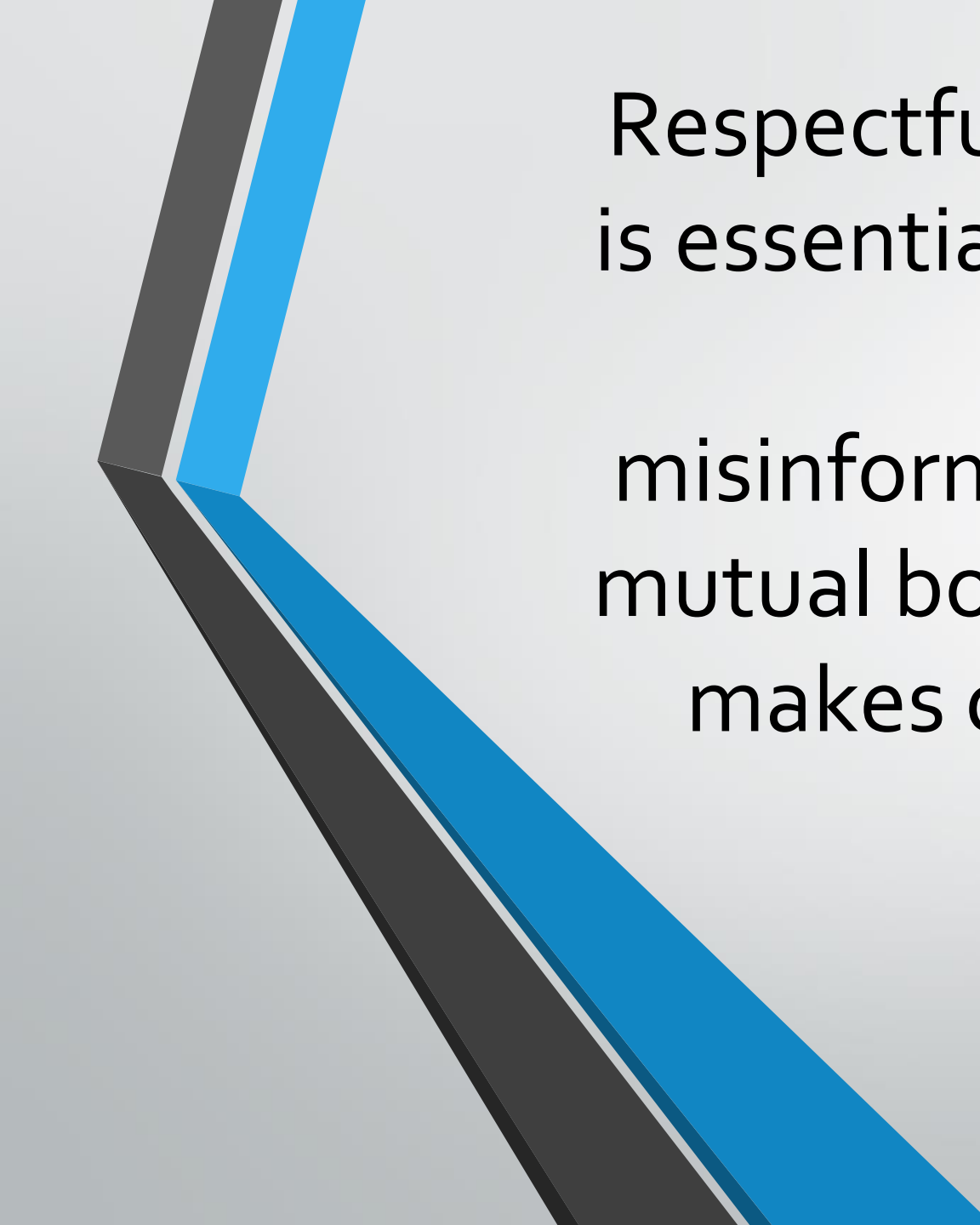
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1. to work jointly with others
2. to betray




Compromise does not have to be
synonymous with betrayal
when there is a mutual respect for
essential differences



Respectful and transparent dialogue is essential to clear the issues caused by misunderstandings and misinformation and create space for mutual boundary establishment that makes collaborative work possible



Relationship and collaboration
are possible in the
presence of disagreement



To work with faith groups is
essential in modelling a
foundational pillar of our
democratic society