

Our Covenant

As a religious community, we support each other in our search for truth and right action. We remind ourselves of basic beliefs concerning ways to treat one another. We check our own responses to be sure we are showing respect to the person who may have a different perspective. We tap into our reservoirs of kindness and empathy as we speak and listen. We seek to make our generosity of spirit explicit.

In this time of transition in our religious community, I intend to:

1. Listen attentively, acknowledge others' views and try to imagine holding their opinions.
2. Refrain from judging other people's motives and opinions.
3. Seek accurate information, be willing to test my assumptions, and examine my own motives.
4. Communicate openly, directly, and honestly. I will go directly to a person with whom I disagree and share differences respectfully. If needed, I will use a third party to mediate.
5. Balance being open to new ideas and respecting our traditions.
6. Stay engaged. Be patient with myself, others, and the process of change.
7. Allow space for feelings and emotions – mine and others'.
8. Lighten up, let go of the trivial, and be willing to give and take.
9. Remind myself that we are all working for the shared goal of supporting our religious community.