

Covenant of Prairie Circle Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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We, the members of Prairie Circle Unitarian Universalist Congregation covenant with ourselves, the staff, and the Church Board to live in harmony with our seven principles:

1. I will honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person by treating every person with respect. When I speak, I will speak directly, honestly, sensitively, clearly, and I will speak for myself only. I will listen with patience, openness, and compassion whenever anyone speaks to me. I will not denigrate others nor will I support the denigration of others by my silence.
2. I will model justice, equity, and compassion in human relations by forgiving myself and others when we make mistakes. I will support those who serve the Church regardless of whether they were hired, elected, or volunteered to meet a need. I will praise their efforts for the work they do, the positions they fill, their responsibilities and duties. I acknowledge the demands of personal, family, work, social, and spiritual commitments on my time; therefore, I will strive for balance and allow others to seek balance in their lives.
3. I will promote acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation by taking responsibility for my own spiritual growth and supporting others in their spiritual pursuits. I will learn how the Church works and about Unitarian Universalist principles, traditions, and rituals.
4. I will support a free and responsible search for truth and meaning by supporting and encouraging responsible freedom of the pulpit. I will share my vision and my spiritual values while respecting other faiths and practices, and I will not feel compelled to defend my beliefs.
5. I will support the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large by embracing differences of opinion. Without ridicule or intimidation, I will encourage the expression of opposing points of view.
6. I will strive for the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all by promoting and supporting interfaith efforts compatible with Unitarian Universalist values and principles. I will uphold the rights of diverse religious groups within the larger community. I will pay attention to issues of fair treatment.
7. I will show respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part by acting responsibly in local and global issues to reflect Unitarian Universalist principles.