KUUF Covenant

We build our fellowship on a foundation of love and covenant with one another:

- 1. To value diversity, trust and respect in our relationships with each other, we strive to...
 - Listen carefully to each other, seeking both to understand and to be understood;
 - Challenge ourselves and each other to grow and be faithful to the truth we find within;
 - Keep our individual needs in balance with the health and vitality of the community as a whole.
- 2. To hold honest and respectful communication as the basis of healthy relationships in community, we strive to...
 - Be open, courteous and forgiving with each other, suspend judgement of those with whom we disagree and offer each other kindness and encouragement;
 - Provide our paid and volunteer leaders with clear expectations, clear lines of communication and our steadfast support;
 - Compassionately care for one another.
- 3. To acknowledge that change and conflict are normal parts of life in community, we strive to...
 - Respect tradition and also embrace change as the needs of our community change;
 - Be firm in our commitment to seeking a mutual solution to our differences;
 - Assume the positive intent of others;
 - Work out conflicts respectfully, utilizing our conflict resolution process. See <u>Conflict Resolution</u>
 <u>Policy</u>*
- 4. To be generous with our gifts in support of our mission, we strive to...
 - Give of our time, talent and resources as we are able, to keep our community vital and strong;
 - Provide our leadership with the resources to be effective in their roles;
 - Work together to be a religiously liberal voice, seeking environmental and social justice in our larger community.
- 5. To actively create space to listen to different experiences, being intentional to include voices that tend to be marginalized, we strive to...
 - Speak only in our own voice and not attribute our feelings and judgements to groups of people;
 - Not appropriate the voices of other people, but allow them to speak of their own experiences;
 - Avoid using our assumptions and/or privilege to judge, invalidate or rationalize experiences that may be different from the dominant paradigm.
- 6. To nurture each other in our ethical, intellectual and spiritual journeys, we strive to...
 - Welcome dialogue and cultivate an open and safe environment in which to hear all points of view;
 - Make room for people's expressions of reason, doubt, wisdom and wonder;
 - Welcome the sharing of our laughter and our tears;
 - Celebrate life's sacred mysteries and embrace the fullest measure of our humanity.

^{*} Conflict Resolution Policy: see KUUF Website Members only Policies Conflict Resolution