

The United Church Of Christ In Keene Behavioral Covenant

Relying on God's grace for help and confident of God's forgiveness, we pledge to God and to our sisters and brothers that we will live in community in these ways:

- **We will seek the presence of God**
 - Praying individually and collectively
 - Inviting God into our discussions
 - Affirming that worship of God is the central activity of our life together in this church

- **We will build fellowship with others**
 - Worshiping, praying, studying, serving, having fun together
 - Remembering that 'we' are 'the Church' including the Pastors, staff, members and friends
 - Doing to others as we would have them do to us

- **We will respect each other**
 - Treating all with love and respect
 - Honoring differences
 - Directing our thoughts and actions in ways that are sensitive to others
 - Following through on commitments we make
 - Ascribing to others the best possible intentions and motivations with the understanding we all want a healthy church
 - Respecting decisions that are made by the Congregation or its Boards and Committees

- **We will be honest with each other**
 - Admitting when we are wrong and asking for forgiveness
 - Offering forgiveness graciously to others
 - Speaking the truth in love directly to one another
 - Directing concerns or complaints to the person or entity with authority to address the issue rather than to a third party
 - Discouraging anonymous complaints
 - Encouraging direct and honest communication
 - Opening ourselves to reconciliation

- **We will listen to each other**
 - Remembering that God's voice may come through someone else's words, not just our own
 - Encouraging and inviting participation from everyone
 - Seeking the truth from carefully attending to each person
 - Seeking solutions and consensus which may involve multiple options
 - Agreeing to disagree with love and respect

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