



Northminster Presbyterian Church

Group Agreements

1. **Be present:**
Present to yourself, to what you bring with you today, and to others.
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2. **Be open:**
Open to learning something that challenges your current belief system.
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3. **Be curious:**
Move past judgments into seeking a deeper understanding.
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4. **Expect and offer grace:**
Trust others have good intentions, and they will offer the same to you.
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5. **Expect and accept discomfort:**
This is the fertile ground where growth happens.
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6. **Expect disagreement:**
We will not agree on everything.
Our diversity is our strength and a beautiful reflection of the Divine.
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7. **Listen to understand:**
Work to hear where others are coming from.
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8. **When speaking, choose words carefully:**
Words create worlds.
It can be faithful to critique beliefs; it is harmful to speak negative judgments about a person's character who holds these beliefs.