

Covenant of Right Relationship

In the spirit of affirming the dignity and human worth of all persons, and in our search for truth and meaning, as congregants of Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Church, we make the following commitments to one another.

We work to build community.

- We treat one another in a friendly, open, and welcoming manner.
- We participate in the life of the community, and give generously of ourselves and our resources.
- We actively listen to each other.
- We care for one another.
- We inspire others to participate in the life of the church and acknowledge their contributions.

We work toward open and respectful communication.

- We assume the best of others and treat them with courtesy, honesty, and good faith.
- We speak for ourselves alone.
- We discuss issues out in the open and avoid gossip.
- We nurture person-to-person and group-to-group relationships.
- We give and seek constructive feedback in our relationships with one another.

We accept responsibility to work constructively to maintain right relationships

- We treat others with dignity and sensitivity even when in disagreement.
- We stay in the conversation, even when conflicts arise.
- We attempt to understand the perspective of the other even while in disagreement with that viewpoint.
- We seek common ground rather than dwell on differences and challenge ourselves to forgive past wrongs.
- We commit to working within those processes that have been developed to resolve conflict and keep our congregation healthy.