

Congregational Covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Meriden

As members and friends of the congregation, we covenant to:

- Cherish the well-being of the congregational community above our personal preferences.
- Joyfully welcome, support, and integrate newcomers into our community.
- Embrace our diversity as a source of communal strength and acknowledge and care for others across our differences.
- Honor and hold ourselves accountable by respecting commitments to individuals and the whole.
- Presume the best intentions of others and maintain a sense of humor.
- Strive to create a safe place for expression by:
 - Accepting responsibility for our own actions.
 - Speaking our truth honestly with care and compassion.
 - Listening with open hearts and minds.
- Recognize conflict as an opportunity for growth and creativity. So that truth and sound decisions can emerge from an open exchange, we will approach disagreements by:
 - Remaining engaged in the process with love, compassion, and respect.
 - Listening deeply to others, addressing differences directly while encouraging all voices to be heard.