

We Commit...

We commit to collectively determining positive solutions together, built on consensus. We need each other to reason together to find the best outcomes aligned with God's purposes. We come together to seek clear vision by asking questions respectfully in order to seek clarification and understanding. We practice active listening without speaking over or interrupting others.

We commit to treating one another with respect, compassion, and kindness. We understand the blessings of sacred community and as such, we commit to participate and contribute to discussions with a positive attitude and kind regard for one another. We uphold equal opportunity to enter the discussion.

We commit to expressing concerns in a concise and kind manner while offering up constructive solutions to issues that are raised in a diplomatic manner, participating throughout the duration of a meeting, staying focused on the deliberations and being "present" in the moment by actively listening.

We commit to entering the discussion with an open mind, willing to consider and evaluate all viewpoints even if outside our comfort zone.

We commit to embracing diverse viewpoints as they contribute positively to our discussions. In the presence of differences, we are unwavering in our pursuit of mutually beneficial solutions. Despite our unique backgrounds, each individual enhances the collective wisdom of our community.

We commit to using "I" statements when expressing personal opinions or feelings such as "I believe..." or "I feel..." instead of absolute statements.

We commit to using Robert's Rules of Order to help provide a safe and equitable space for all to be heard and understood. We rely on our meeting chair and parliamentarian to impartially hold us to the process.

We commit to seeking divine guidance from our Creator on all matters. Our tasks are God's work entrusted to us, not our work, not our agenda. We are here to proclaim Jesus Christ and to help build communities of joy, hope, love and peace.