

Chalice Group Covenant, December 2020

We, the members of this group, make the following covenant with one another:

Logistics

- Start promptly at 2pm and end by 4pm.
- Latecomers can enter Zoom quietly.
- Participants let the host(s) know ahead of time if they cannot attend on a particular day.
- We will meet on Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. If the need arises, we can be flexible about the date and time.
- Pam will send out via email the next topic a week before each meeting.
- David will send out via email a Zoom meeting invitation the day before each meeting.
- We will do housekeeping details at the end of the meeting.

Behaviors

- We work to create a safe and respectful space for everyone to participate.
- We assume that whatever a member says during the group session is confidential and remains within the group.
- We do not interrupt or ask for further explanation unless another member did not hear or understand words that were spoken. These are clarified after a person is finished speaking.
- What is said in the group does not lend itself to further feedback or discussion. There are two exceptions to this:
 1. If the person who made the original statement(s) asks for feedback or discussion at the end of the meeting.
 2. If the person who made the original statement(s) grants permission to another member requesting follow up.
- All members have an opportunity to speak before we have a second round.
- We affirm that we will resolve conflicts respectfully.
- The group leader(s) can respectfully ask another member to be mindful of the covenant.
- The check-in i.e. "What's on your mind and in your heart", helps transition from the busy outside world and creates an atmosphere conducive to 'Deep Listening'.
- Group members are encouraged to share in the topics for that session. However, on occasion it is acceptable to say "Pass".
- Discussion of church, local and world issues are permitted if they are relevant to the topic.
- Each member commits to attending all 8 sessions of the cycle as best they can.