

WESTFIELD CHURCH'S COMMUNITY COVENANT

In the spirit of Jesus, and with God's help, we will show respect and love in all we do as we journey together. As followers of Jesus Christ we promise to respect each other at all times in the following ways:

HOW WE LIVE:

- We will approach all things in prayer
- We will strive to act with gentleness toward one another
- We are committed to being inconvenienced for the Gospel
- We seek to discover what is best for our church as a whole
- We will speak as individuals from our own personal experience, from "I" not "we" or "they"

HOW WE DISAGREE:

- We accept disagreement as normal & natural to community processes
- We will express criticism and negative feelings first to the person, not to others
- We will speak face-to-face, honestly and without rancor, avoiding triangulation and hearsay
- If we are unable to effectively communicate with each other, we will ask a third party to be present to assist us
- We will listen with an open and non-judgmental mind and try as hard to understand as to be understood

HOW WE MOVE FORWARD:

- We will hold each other accountable when our actions are unkind or our behavior ungracious
- We will strive to give and receive that accountability with grace, humility, and hope.
- As forgiven people, we will choose to forgive one another, and move forward.
- We will support the final outcome of the decision-making process, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit

Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds with things that are true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best not the worst, the beautiful not the ugly, things to praise not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, Paul, what you saw, heard, realized. Do that and the God who makes everything work together will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8-10

The Message: A Paraphrase of the New Testament
by Eugene Peterson

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