

As the Session of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church we would like to serve as a community of openness, mutual respect, reliability, kindness, humility, and trust.

## We will work toward:

- Active listening, of hearing one another with ears and eyes of the heart as well as the body.
- We will listen without interruption and with the intent of hearing the speaker rather than thinking of a reply.
- We welcome clarifying questions.
- We will do our best to surrender personal agendas and biases, to call each other out on bullying or what feels judgmental, and do what is best for the whole rather than try to win a point.
- We value shared vulnerability, honest sharing, resilience, courage, healing, curiosity, and fun.
- We ask the Moderator and church to create time and space conducive to this work and to actively facilitate our work with humility, humor, and trust.

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