

Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church

Covenant of Right Relations

In order to foster a healthy community with an open and safe environment, we the members of the Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church do hereby covenant to:

- Practice gentleness and kindness with one another,
- Speak respectfully and honestly,
- Know that we will sometimes disagree, so do so in the spirit of equity; do as much as possible to reach a mutually acceptable solution,
- Practice fair treatment and respect differences,
- Address issues and behaviors rather than people and personalities,
- Speak personally and privately with one another about concerns or disagreements, avoiding gossip and indirect communication through another person,
- Acknowledge the spirituality of the community, maintaining a sacred focus,
- In the midst of conflict, keep perspective – take a breath,
- Seek denominational or professional help for resolutions when needed, and
- Trust and use this covenant.

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