

# Small Community Commitment

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As a gift to others and to myself in this small community, I will share in the responsibility of maintaining a prayerful and vibrant community life. Specifically, I will do my best to live the following guidelines in participating in this small community:

1. I will share who I am with others, expressing my thoughts, opinions and feelings honestly with others. I will respect the unique giftedness of each member and will be open to receive what each person wishes to share.
2. I will listen to others without trying to give advice. I will not repeat differences among us. I will not insist that others agree with my point of view.
3. I will maintain the confidentiality of the community; I will not repeat outside of this small community any personal information I hear during our time together.
4. I will respect the need for silence and reflection before any sharing begins, and will be sensitive to the need for a period of quiet between individual sharings.
5. I will help to make sure that everyone who wants to speak has an opportunity to participate in the sharing. I will wait to speak a second time until others who wish to contribute have had the opportunity to do so.
6. I will not miss sessions, except for emergencies, since the life of the community depends on each of us being present to one another.
7. I will pray for each member of this community and for our community's continued growth in the Christian life.

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**Signatures:** \_\_\_\_\_

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