

Comm-Unity Meeting

The purpose of a Comm-Unity meeting is to build community through the exchange of ideas and information, and to allow voicing of concerns and questions. All members and friends are urged to attend and participate. It is believed that as we truly hear each other and value our diversity and our common goals, we will grow in strength and succeed in every endeavor.

1. If held in the Sanctuary, each person who wishes to speak must use the microphone. The Comm-Unity meeting will be tape recorded (optional).
2. The person who is speaking has the floor. He or she may ask questions of any individual present. Respondents must use a microphone. The person who has the floor may address the Comm-Unity meeting in the form of personal sharing, dialog or debate.
3. No one may talk about an individual who is not present. No one may present third-party information or opinion. No speaker may represent another individual or group. It is inappropriate to use information from confidential sources or to indicate that such information exists.
4. There is no time limit imposed on anyone who has the floor. However, in the spirit of fairness to all who wish to speak, everyone is requested to respect the right of others to share.
5. At any time, anyone may call for ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE. At this time, all discussions dialog, and debate must stop. No one individual may use this option more than once during the meeting.
6. After ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE has been observed, the speaker may continue or yield the floor.
7. Everyone is urged to keep the focus of the sharing or discussion on substantive issues, relationships, or descriptions of feelings. Naturally, there shall be no name-calling, mind-reading (attributing evil motives), guilt-making (“look how you’ve made me feel”), rejecting or discrediting of another person.
8. It is important to share your feelings and know you have been heard. You may ask to have your feelings or position paraphrased by the respondent to ensure you have been heard.
9. A Comm-Unity meeting is not a membership meeting. No business of the organization may be voted upon.
10. The duration of the Comm-Unity meeting shall be 60-90 minutes. A second session may be called by those present providing there is an hour recess between sessions.