

SIGNPOSTS

“We will mark our way to God with signposts – and not be lost.”

@anonymous 5th century

As a community nurtured, illumined, and set free by God’s Spirit, we respond in gratitude and commit ourselves to our Signposts as a means of expressing the abundance of God’s love revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

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- *We will live with integrity;*
- *Worship will lie at the heart of our community; we honour and respect diversity in our prayer and ritual;*
- *We will model and embrace direct communication; we will speak to the issue without personalizing; we will not demonize the other; “love is the recognition that something beside yourself really exists”;*
- *We will embody political realism along with forgiveness; we will check things out; we will be charitable; we will assume the best of each others’ motives and actions;*
- *We will hold each other accountable and give respectful feedback;*
- *We will recognize the contribution of each and be intentional in our expression of gratitude and appreciation;*
- *We will put conflict on the table and address it as an opportunity for creative transformation;*
- *We will own our own feelings about something;*
- *We will entrust ourselves to God who calls us to common mission, though the way is often unclear;*
- *We will set boundaries and respect those of others; we will avoid the quicksand of over-involvement;*
- *We will bring a sense of humor and a spirit of playfulness to our life together;*
- *We will feed the churches – let our passion from here work in and for the transformation of local communities;*
- *We will be clear about the call to die – honest about what has to die; we affirm that dying and living are painful but necessary parts of each other;*
- *We will practise communal and personal discernment in our speaking, listening & keeping silent;*
- *When it is time for closure we will call it and move on to the next important work;*
- *We will hold Christ as central; our passionate commitment to the living Christ will sustain us.*

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