



Signposts of our Life Together

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"We will mark our way to God with signposts—and not be lost." – 5th Century Anonymous

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. The signposts which follow hold our intention to live together as well as we can, knowing that we struggle as fragile creatures held in our brokenness by grace which is beyond all understanding.

Signposts for a Teaching/Learning Community

God is central to our life together. Our passionate commitment to the living Christ sustains us in all that we do.

We will entrust ourselves to God who calls us to shared mission for the world.

Worship will lie at the heart of our community; we honour and respect diversity in our prayer and ritual.

We will pray with and for each other.

VST affirms that God is revealed in the diversity of religious traditions recognized in and by the global human community. We honour the wisdom and companionship of those of other traditions.

Signposts for Communal Engagement

We will live with integrity.

We will model and embrace direct and intentional communication.

We will speak to an issue without personalizing; we will not demonize the other.

We will embody realism and be charitable in discussions and decision-making.

We will assume the best of each other's motives and actions.

We will be accountable to one another and give respectful feedback.

We will recognize the contribution of each and be intentional in our expression of gratitude and appreciation.

We will address conflict directly as an opportunity for creative transformation.

We will practice self-awareness and own our own feelings.

We will set boundaries and respect those of others; we will avoid the quicksand of over-involvement.

We will bring a sense of humour and a spirit of playfulness to our life together.

We will engage the world and nurture faith communities.

We will be honest about what has to be let go.

We will practice 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.