

Introduction

Metro NY District Young Religious Unitarian Universalist events give us the opportunity to create the world we want to live in. In order to realize this goal, our intentional faith community covenants:

Our Responsibility to the Community:

- We will bring “good energy”. This includes a positive outlook and a willingness to participate.
- We will bring open minds and open hearts.
- We will listen; we will be respectful and kind.
- We will not “harsh on mellows.” Instead, we will accept all behaviors and attitudes that do not violate this covenant or directly affect us.
- We will be responsible for our own and each other’s physical and emotional safety.
- We will be mindful of other’s comfort zones while trying to stretch our own.
- We will be aware of how our words and actions impact the community.

Participation

We will be an inclusive community, modeling and practicing inclusive behavior (as opposed to exclusive behavior) by:

- Reaching out and being willing to connect with new people.

- Responsibly using technology, mindful of how it may affect our presence and participation in the community.

We covenant to present ourselves in a respectful manner:

- We will seek to participate to our best ability at our ideal level of comfort.
- We will honor an individual's right to say "no" when they feel uncomfortable.
- While participating in an activity, we will be as physically and mentally present as we are able.
- We will tend to our physical and emotional needs as necessary.

Power

- We will realize the power we have within the community and we will not abuse it.
- We will do our utmost to equally distribute the power, to recognize our own and other's voices.
- We will be aware and accepting of the diversity of opinion, sex, age, race, sexual orientation, etc.

Sexuality

We affirm the fact that we are sexual individuals. While this is an affectionate and loving community, it is not a sexual community.

Sexualized behavior is exclusive, and prevents us from creating a safe

and intentional space. This type of behavior may also jeopardize our ability to hold future cons and other Metro YRUU events.

Faith

- We will help, encourage and nourish the intellectual and spiritual growth of our community.
- We will explore our UU identity and faith.

Prohibitions

- We will not have weapons, alcohol or other illegal substances at district events.
- We will try not to make assumptions or generalizations about anyone, including making stereotypes or classifying them.

As a member of this intentional community, my signature represents my commitment to fulfill this covenant as outlined above. Also as a part of this covenant, for the well being of the community, I will inform an Energy Coordinator if this covenant is not being followed to it's fullest potential.

Signature: _____ Date: _____