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core values

BUILDING A CARING COMMUNITY

- We nurture healthy relationships
- We value and respect the uniqueness of each person
- We treat others with care, compassion, and kindness
- We are welcoming and open to all we meet

PEACEMAKING

- We promote peace and non-violence, and work for justice
- We encourage open dialogue
- We accept and value differences
- We resolve conflicts through respectful listening and negotiating

REVERENCING CREATION

- We see all life as sacred and relate to all of creation with a sense of reverence
- We honor the goodness of God's presence in all of creation
- We strive to live in harmony as sister and brother
- We conserve and preserve our natural resources for future generations

CONNECTING WITH JOYFUL SERVICE

- We are open to gratefully receiving the gifts of others
- We give as we have received and joyfully share our gifts with others, locally and globally
- We recognize that every person can make a difference in another's life
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