

Chalice Group Agreement/Covenant – October 2022

We, the members of this group, make the following agreement/covenant with one another:

Logistics

- We'll meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, promptly at 1:30 pm, and end about 3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to click the ZOOM link early to meet and greet before the Chalice Group starts.
- Latecomers should enter quietly.
- We will continue to meet via Zoom during this cycle. If the need arises, we can be flexible about the date and time.
- Participants should email or call Catherine Dente (941-921-1598) ahead of time if they cannot attend on a particular day.
- Catherine will send an email reminder a few days before each meeting.

Behaviors

- During Check-in, it's ok to offer a brief expression of support.
- Follow-up questions related to the sharing are acceptable after the Closing Words. It is understood that the person who initiated the topic may decline to answer the question.
- Confidentiality – no gossip – what is said here, stays here.
- No interrupting or even asking for further explanation – no crosstalk – this shows respect for each other's spiritual journey.
- Any member may ask another member to be mindful of the Agreement/Covenant.
- The Check-in helps transition from the busy outside world and creates an atmosphere conducive to Deep Listening. Try to share with the group briefly where you are today.
- Each group member will make it their first priority to attend all 8 sessions of the cycle. The group understands that unexpected events may occasionally require someone to be absent from a meeting.
- If in the judgment of the facilitator, someone is going on too long during the check-in or during the sharing, the facilitator may say something like, "Thank you, (Name); what do others have to say on the subject?"
- Every participant has the right to pass.