Communication Covenant

We will share our true feelings (authenticity).

<u>Luke 12:2</u> – There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

We will encourage each other (mutuality).

<u>1 Thessalonians 5:11</u> – Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

We will support each other (sympathy).

<u>Galatians 6:10</u> – Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

We will forgive each other (mercy).

<u>Colossians 3:13</u> – Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

We will speak the truth in love (honesty).

<u>Ephesians 4:15</u> – Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

We will admit our weaknesses (humility).

James 4:10 – Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

We will respect our differences (courtesy).

<u>1 Peter 5:5b</u> – All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

We will not gossip (confidentiality).

<u>Ephesians 4:29</u> – Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

We will make this group and its work a priority (frequency).

<u>Hebrews 10:25</u> – Do not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

We will strive to line all discussions, opinions, and decisions up with the Word of God (biblically).

<u>2 Timothy 3:16-17</u> – All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant o God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.