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- I promise to ask clarifying questions or use paraphrasing language when I am in doubt as to what another is saying or wish to more fully understand their contribution.
- I promise to seek fellowship with those with whom I may not completely agree and not retreat to my own bubble or silo of likeminded people.
- I promise to follow the Golden Rule in all discussion and dialogue, treating others as I would want them to treat me.
- I promise to keep our mission, vision, and purpose in mind in all I say or do: To make disciples who love like Jesus, creating a world where God's love reigns!

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