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Dear First Universalist Families,

To create a healthy and thriving partnership and community, Unitarian Universalists develop covenants, or promises, to one another about how we will behave together. Contained in this letter is our religious exploration program covenant. We ask that you share this covenant with your family and commit to these shared values and promises of how we will treat one another.

In our religious exploration program at First Universalist, we hope to partner with you in sharing our values of inclusivity, justice, community, and kindness. By having your family participate, we hope that you will grow and learn together and individually, and that your children will develop new friendships, gain confidence, tackle challenging questions and ideas, and discover a place that accepts and supports their unique selves.

Religious Exploration Covenant at First Universalist Church of Yarmouth

We, the children, youth, families, staff, and volunteers of the religious exploration program of First Universalist Church of Yarmouth, promise to:

- **Respect one another.** This includes talking through disagreements, being willing to hear each other, and being aware of and sensitive to others' needs.
- **Be safe.** We strive for complete emotional and physical safety of all who participate in our programs.
 - We follow our Safe Congregation guidelines and request that parents/guardians provide all relevant information on allergies or medical conditions.
 - Because children and youth are sometimes in our care without their parents present, we ask to know in advance if your children (kindergarten – fourth grade) are coming to church unattended so we can provide the best care for them. For children younger than five, we always ask for parents/caregivers to be present in the church building or grounds.
 - We ask all who participate in any programs to behave with care, kindness, and gentleness towards all people and our environment.
- **Include all.** We do not turn away any children, youth, or families from programs provided we can maintain the safety of all.
- **Live in community.** This includes being willing to contribute to the church community when and how you are able and to ask for support when you need it.

In peace and friendship,
The Religious Exploration Council

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