Circle Manners
(Adapted from the Courage to Serve Program Boundary Markers)

1. Be fully present here.
   (Give yourself to this time, these people, this moment.)

2. Listen first.
   (We are not here primarily to teach or fix. Let listening heal and help.)

3. Ask, don’t tell.
   (Ask questions instead of giving advice.)

4. Trust silence.
   (Don’t feel the need to fill silent breaks in conversation. Be patient and let silence be a gift.)

5. Share as you wish.
   (You will not be forced to say or share anything. You are invited, not required, to speak.)

   (What is shared in this circle stays in this circle.)

7. Trust one another.
   (Trust one another as brothers and sisters enough to be honest.)

   (Do not condemn, even in your mind. Instead wonder why you are responding this way to what has been said.)

9. Speak truth with love.
   (Let your honest words be seasoned with kindness.)

10. Believe the Holy Spirit is here.
    (God’s power is present in this gathering.)