PSR Pocket Covenant

Interpersonal Relations & Attitudes we covenant to:
- Respect and celebrate our unique and diverse identities, perspectives and pathways, and to practice an attitude of “fearless welcome & hospitality,” embracing all of who we are – through both self-acceptance and acceptance of others
- Practice “drawing the circle of community wider” to include rather than exclude
- Celebrate our growing edges by listening and speaking authentically
- Remember our common humanity and practice forgiveness with generosity and discernment
- Honor and support the value of our own self-care and that of others

Communication we covenant to:
- Communicate in ways that foster a community of respect, safety, intellectual growth and vibrant spirituality
- Communicate with conscious awareness of our inter-connectedness in body, mind, and spirit and seek to “understand as well as be understood”
- Build and affirm the safety of our community by practicing patience and speaking our truth directly and compassionately
- Invite every person in our community to enter dialogue, assuming the best of intentions of all involved
- Engage our communications around topics and issues rather than personalities

Negotiating Conflict we covenant to:
- Create spaces safe and brave enough to risk truth-sharing
- Step out of [or Avoid] hiding in silence when difficulties arise
- Find value in differing perspectives
- Approach one another as allies and not enemies
- Be committed to healing and reconciliation
- When appropriate, engage institutional policies and processes designed to mediate conflict

Pacific School of Religion – students, staff, faculty, and trustees – seeks to inspire a world of abundance, compassion and justice where all can thrive and flourish. To that end, the following Covenant presents qualities we seek to uphold in our life and work together.

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