

Guidelines for Developing a Group Covenant

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1. Be a facilitator, not a dictator.
2. Record all items from group members.
 - a. Brainstorm
 - b. Ask the group to prepare in advance
 - c. Put anonymous list of important items in a pile and then compile
 - d. Put ideas on large paper or white board
3. Items to Consider
 - a. Meeting time and location
 - b. Frequency of meetings
 - c. Hosting responsibilities
 - d. How to communicate changes
 - e. Focus of your group
 - f. Strategy for filling the empty chair
 - g. Target birthing date
 - h. Commitment to ending and starting on time
 - i. Commitment to arriving and meeting on time
 - j. Attendance Accountability
 - k. Commitment to Confidentiality
 - l. Commitment to do homework
 - m. Agreement to participate in discussions
 - n. Agreement to take turns leading parts of the meeting
 - o. Agreement to attend regularly
 - p. Commitment to pray for one another
 - q. Agreement on how to handle conflict
4. Write up the agreed upon covenant
5. Have all members sign
6. Print each member a copy