Common Circle Guidelines

1. Respect the Talking Piece.

2. Speak from your heart.

3. Listen with your heart.

4. Speak with respect.

5. Listen with respect.

6. Remain in the Circle.

7. Honor confidentiality.

Members of each Circle agree on the guidelines they want in addition to #1, which is the basis of Circle. Numbers 2–7 are some examples.

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