

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin Fellowship Open Forum Guidelines

The Fellowship Open Forum is hosted by the Board with the goal of providing an environment for members and friends to ask questions, offer suggestions and share concerns. This is an opportunity to have a respectful and safe place to express our own opinions. It is also a setting where we can refresh our thinking, explore topics from multiple points-of-view, find common ground with people of diverse opinions, and try to gain clarity in how they came to their conclusions.

Anyone may participate who follows the rules and joins the group.

Please raise your hand to speak and you will be called on in the order you're seen.

We will be taking general notes to assist the Board in follow-up on topics shared.

Try to get to your point as best you can, as quickly as you can. Doing so will give everyone a chance to speak. We'll try and keep you under a couple of minutes.

No side conversations. You don't have to stand to speak.

This isn't a debate, it's a dialogue, one in which we're expressing ideas that we may be passionate about, but regardless of someone's opinion, no name calling or intimidation is allowed.

Please listen patiently to other points-of-view. You might be able to benefit from other ideas at the forum.

We're not here to convince others that we are right, and they are wrong. If someone expresses a point-of-view that seems different from yours, listen and try to gain clarity or understanding. Remember, we don't have to agree with each other, but we do have to be respectful.

You can walk away with your original opinion. You can change your mind.
And so can everyone else.