

Joys and Concerns Policy

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During the sharing of Joys and Concerns one may choose to light a candle, and pause for a moment of reflection without speaking. Spoken sharing should be limited to 30 seconds. We recognize that sometimes a person needs to speak for a longer time in order to fully share what they are experiencing, but that should be the exception rather than the rule. Longer sharings may be included in the Chalice or the printed version of joys and concerns. Anyone who exceeds the 30 second guidelines will be given a reminder. A repeat occurrence could result in the person being asked not to speak during Joys and Concerns for a week, and for a longer period if the request is not heeded.