

Confidentiality and Groups

As Foothills, groups are extensions of the congregation's ministry.

The ministry team is here to support you in offering care and support to the people in your group.

Confidentiality means that you will keep private anything that is shared, unless you have the person's express permission to share it.

Confidentiality does not mean that you are bound to keep harmful or oppressive secrets, or that you do not have access to support if you are concerned about someone in your group.

If you are concerned about the well being of someone in your group, or if something is going on that doesn't feel right, it's appropriate to turn to a minister for support. As religious professionals serving the congregation, the ministry team can be considered within the circle of confidentiality of your group.

As you share relevant, necessary information with the ministry so that we can offer support to someone in our community, the ministers will keep this information confidential.

Clergy are mandated reporters, which means that any instances of child/elder abuse, intent to harm self or others, will be reported to law enforcement.

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