

North AA UUs Annual Report 2021-22

North Ann Arbor is an informal social and support group which has been meeting for the last seven years on the second Tuesday of the month. Originally, the group was formed by people living on the north side of Ann Arbor but as others showed interest, the group was opened to anyone interested in joining us. During the last year, we have created some group norms or guidelines for our time together.

1. Speak freely, honestly and openly
2. Create a safe space for sharing personal stories
3. Listen deeply for connection
4. Respect confidentiality and be kind
5. Welcome new people
6. Select topics for discussion and rotate facilitation
7. Strive to better know, understand and support one another.
8. Have fun!

Our discussions range from topics that help us tell stories about ourselves. For example, what I didn't learn in college and why, or two truths and a lie, travel disasters or surprises. Further, we discuss programs being carried out in the congregation including the humanist discussions, budgetary concerns, the various involvements of group members in congregation related activities. We take seriously the primary importance of supporting one another in hard times. As noted above, group members offer topics for discussion and facilitate those discussions which provide everyone an opportunity to gather the reflections and experience of others on a topic of concern for them.

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