
BEING EVERGREEN





Being a culturally diverse people who are one in Christ and who value the liberties of our Baptist Heritage, the evergreen Baptist Association will:

- Build bridges between Communities
 - Provide resources to equip member churches to share Christ, and teach God's word
 - Translate our unity to the world
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Choice Making

Three step process:

1. We hear the question together.
2. Run the question through our cultural lenses in our caucuses.
3. Share our cultural perspective and response with the body.



Choice Making

- R - take RESPONSIBILITY for what you say and feel without blaming others
 - E - use EMPATHETIC listening
 - S - be SENSITIVE to differences in communication styles
 - P - PONDER on what you hear and feel before you speak
 - E - EXAMINE your own assumptions and perceptions
 - C - keep CONFIDENTIALITY - share CONSTRUCTIVELY for the benefit of the COMMUNITY
 - T - TRUST ambiguity because we are NOT here to debate who is right or wrong.
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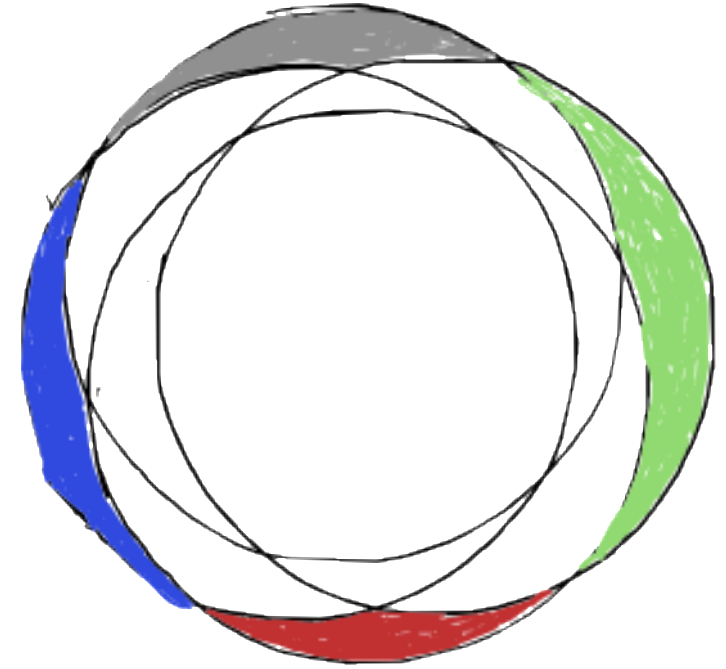


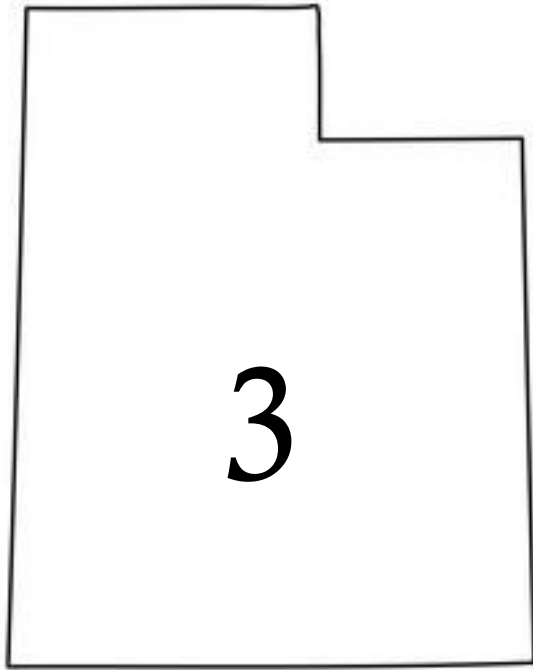
Mutual Invitation

- To ensure that everyone who wants to share has the opportunity to speak, we will proceed in the following way:
- The leader or a designated person will share first. After that person has spoken, he or she invites another to share. Who you invite does not need to be the person next to you.
- After the next person has spoken, that person is given the privilege to invite another to share. If you do not wish to say anything, say "pass" and invite another to share. We will do this until everyone has been invited.
- We invite you to listen and not respond immediately to someone's sharing. There will be time to respond and ask clarifying questions after everyone has had the opportunity to share.

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- What connects us with each other is the biggest aspect of our life together.
- It does not work without fully including our differences.
- This work never ends and that isn't a problem.





- 2. Colorado
- 1. Alaska
- Connecticut
- Idaho
- Puerto Rico
- Venezuela



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