

**Highland Mennonite Brethren Church  
Governance Manual - EXECUTIVE  
Safe Place - Conflict Resolution Appendix – HMBC’s Family Rules**

#1 We will LOVE one another unconditionally.

*“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” (1 Peter 4:8)*

#2 We will EMPATHIZE with one another.

*“God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.” (1 Corinthians 12:24-26)*

#3 We will extend and receive FORGIVENESS from one another.

*“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:31-32)*

#4 We will PUT one another FIRST.

*“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” (Romans 12:10)*

#5 We will SERVE one another.

*“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.” (Galatians 5:13)*

#6 We will PRAY for one another.

*“...pray for each other....” (James 5:16)*

#7 We will ENCOURAGE one another.

*“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)*

#8 We will LISTEN to one another before speaking.

*“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” (James 1:19)*

#9 We will CHOOSE WORDS CAREFULLY when speaking to one another.

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” (Ephesians 4:29)*

#10 We will SHARE with one another when in need.

*“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need.” (Romans 12:13)*