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# Respectful Communication Guidelines

“**RESPECT**” is an acronym for guidelines for respectful communication developed by Rev. Eric Law and used by the Synod of NSW and the ACT.

- 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** what you hear and feel before you speak
- E** **EXAMINE** your own assumptions and perceptions
- C** keep **CONFIDENTIALITY**
- T** **TRUST** the other to speak and listen with integrity