

The foundational idea behind these Congregational Conversations is that a budget is a document grounded in and reflective of values. We begin this series, then, with an invitation to think about our personal, our collective, and our aspirational values. We drew the list below – suggestive and not exhaustive – from Brené Brown’s book *Dare to Lead*. We offer them here with her advice that “We can’t live into values we can’t name.”

Here’s the exercise: Pick out the ten values that are most important to you personally. Then identify your top three.

Second, identify what you think Plymouth’s values are currently and/or what values you think Plymouth ought to express.

Activism	Humility	Simplicity
Beauty	Inclusion	Spirituality
Belonging	Justice	Stewardship
Collaboration	Kindness	Thrift
Courage	Legacy	Time
Creativity	Openness	Tradition
Curiosity	Order	Trust
Efficiency	Peace	Usefulness
Environmental justice	Perseverance	Vision
Family	Relationship	Vulnerability
Financial stability	Reliability	Wholeheartedness
Forgiveness	Resourcefulness	Wisdom
Generosity	Respect	
Gratitude	Risk-taking	Other values that you
Growth	Security	would name that aren’t
Harmony	Self-discipline	here
Honesty	Service	