

# The Benedictine Values

## **AWARENESS OF GOD**

To look for God not in the abstract but in the ordinary events of every day. “We believe that the divine presence is everywhere.” R.B. 19

## **COMMUNITY LIVING**

To become who we are by our relationships with others. “Let all things be common to all.” R.B. 33

## **DIGNITY OF WORK**

To appreciate the dignity of work in God’s creation. “...they live by the labor of their hands.” R.B. 48

## **HOSPITALITY**

To offer warmth, acceptance, and joy in welcoming others.  
“Let all...be received as Christ.” R.B. 53

## **JUSTICE**

To work toward a just order in our immediate environment and in the larger society.  
“...that in all things God may be glorified” R.B. 57

## **LISTENING**

To hear keenly and sensitively the voices of persons and all created beings.  
“Listen...with the ear of your heart.” R.B. Prologue

## **MODERATION**

To be content with living simply and finding balance in work, prayer, and leisure.  
“All things are to be one with moderation.” R.B. 48

## **PEACE**

To strive for peace on all levels: with self, others, and God. R.B. Prologue

## **RESPECT FOR PERSONS**

To respect each person regardless of class, background, or professional skill.  
“No one is to pursue what is judged best for oneself, but instead, what is better for someone else.” R. B. 72

## **STABILITY**

To cultivate rootedness and a shared sense of mission.  
“To stand firm in one’s promises.” R.B. 58

## **STEWARDSHIP**

To appreciate and to care lovingly for all the goods of this place.  
“Regard all utensils as if they were the sacred vessels of the altar.” R.B. 31