Taking care of seminary business during office hours, and limiting phone calls to members of faculty and staff at home, realizing that they need their own time away from seminary responsibilities.

Making use of opportunities established by the WAS Council for expressing concerns and issues, and beginning discussion with face-to-face conversation rather than circulating petitions through the seminary community.

Celebrating different points of view, avoiding labels that categorize or attack, and always seeking to listen to and respect each other.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

Wartburg Associated Students
For students, the understanding of community finds expression in the form of student government. With the adoption of the constitution in February of 1980, the Wartburg Associated Students (WAS) was established to help students and student families "exercise [their] voice in matters of student concern and to help shape the environment in which students, faculty, and other groups work together in the interest of Wartburg Seminary and the Church."

The purpose of WAS is: 1) to function as the official voice for students; 2) to provide a forum for expression of students' concerns; 3) to facilitate communication between students, faculty, administration, staff, and other groups at Wartburg; and 4) to encourage the academic involvement and social interaction of students and other groups. These purposes are accomplished by various groups and committees and are coordinated by the WAS Council which consists of the WAS president or co-presidents, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and class presidents and vice-presidents.

Class presidents are elected early in the fall term and are responsible for representing the concerns of their respective classes before the WAS Council, on which they, along with class vice-presidents, have voting privileges. Class presidents are also responsible for coordinating activities that directly affect their classes.

The WAS president (or co-presidents), aided by the other council members, is/are responsible for overseeing and coordinating the work and activity of the various student committees and classes. Elected by WAS during the spring term of his/her second year, the WAS president takes office after internship at the beginning of the final year. The WAS president functions as a liaison in the area of student life, student-faculty and administration relations and attends all faculty meetings, board of directors meetings, student matters committee meetings when possible, and represents WAS at official WTS functions. The WAS president ensures that appropriate