

[Proposed] JRUUC Policy on Participation in Online Forums

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The purpose of this policy is to create and ensure a lively online extension of the JRUUC community. It covers those online forums that JRUUC owns or moderates, such as the "Members and Friends of JRUUC" Facebook group, and any other online forums that may exist in the future. These online forums exist within our larger congregational covenant and strive to serve the mission of JRUUC.

In order to serve that mission, moderators are empowered to remove content which meet any of the following criteria:

- Posts which include violent or demeaning language (including video and audio content), including hateful language, swear words or abbreviations of swear words
- Links to news or opinion about current events, except those that are directly connected to JRUUC
- Non-original content (e.g. shares and re-posts) without additional context addressing its relevance to JRUUC

Exceptions to the criteria outlined above may be allowed in specific circumstances where the intention is to foster a community discussion. In such cases there should be an invitation into discussion with specific discussion questions or topics.

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