

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT:

Our Covenant to God and each other for our journey together

As members of this congregation we make the following commitment to one another and to God, for our relationships together on the journey:

We will seek God's will for our congregation (Acts 1:14; 11:1-18; Luke 22:42; Eph 5:21)

- We will take time for prayer
- We will listen for God speaking in one another
- We will place God's purposes ahead of our own personal desires
- We will respect and support the decisions of the congregation, even should they not reflect our personal view

We will act respectfully towards one another (Eph 4:2, 25-27; Matt 18:15-17)

- We will always listen with an open mind and generosity of spirit to the perspectives of others
- We will at all times speak honestly, and with grace and kindness
- We will at all times be mindful of not causing unnecessary hurt to others
- Should we have a personal grievance towards another member, we will seek to resolve the matter directly with that person, and will never gossip, complain or undermine that person through conversation with others not involved directly in the matter.

We will seek to build one another up (Eph 4:29; Heb 10:24-25; Rom 15:1-6; Col 3:12-14; 1 Cor 12:1-27)

- We will only speak or act in ways that will encourage or strengthen one another in faith
- We will actively seek opportunities to affirm one another
- We will look for gifts and abilities in each other, and encourage their use and development
- We will regard our diversity in life experience, gifts and perspectives as an enriching gift to be treasured
- We will pay particular attention to fully include and nurture newer participants, children and persons with a disability in the congregation
- We will never bring discredit to the congregation or any of its members through careless talk or criticism, but will only use the proper processes established by the congregation for raising any concerns or criticisms we may hold.

We will support those who serve us in leadership (1Thess 5:12-13; 1Tim 5:17-18; Titus 3:1-2)

- We will seek to encourage and care for our Leadership Team and Resource Minister through acts of love and words of support
- We will never disrespect our Leadership Team or Resource Minister by undermining them through negative talk or idle gossip, but will bring any concerns we hold directly to them in grace and love