



**Why Statement:**

Together in Christ's love, we collaborate to reconcile and restore all God's creation.

**Calling Statement:**

Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are called to connect, equip, and support our faith communities to grow as faithful disciples and responsible stewards, following Jesus' call to extravagantly love all God's children and creation.

**Covenant Statement:**

Answering God's call to build a just world for all, we commit in our shared life to:

**Live the love, unity, and compassion of Jesus**

*"I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." (John 17:26)*

**Collaborate to mutually share resources.**

*"...love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.[a] 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers". (Romans 12:10-13)*

**Communicate with openness and transparency.**

*"But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ..." (Ephesians 4:15)*

**Empower generous and responsible stewardship.**

*"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share." (1 Tim. 6:18)*

**Honor God's diverse gifts among us in all settings.**

*"For as in one body, we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." (Romans 12:4-5)*

**Covenant in Prayer Form**

God of Love, our common journey of faith leads us to continue to grow in mutual love. Help us respect each other's place on the journey of faith, living into our commitment to be active agents of social justice. Guide us to extend an extravagant welcome to all as together we are nurtured in the unity of the One Spirit across all settings. Empower us to offer our diverse gifts in building Your Beloved Community here and now. Promote in us responsible stewardship and sharing of resources, answering Your call to reach out across the Heartland and beyond to our ecumenical partners. Empower us to embody Your healing love throughout all creation. Amen.

**Covenant in Litany Form**

L: Our shared journey of faith leads us to grow in mutual love.

**A: Respecting each other's place on the journey of faith;**

L: Extending an extravagant welcome to all;

**A: Nurturing the unity of the One Spirit;**

L: Offering our diverse gifts across all settings, building God's Beloved Community here and now!

**A: Promoting responsible stewardship and sharing of resources;**

L: Answering the call to reach out across the Heartland and beyond to our ecumenical partners;

**A: We seek to extend God's love and justice throughout all creation!**