

A Whole People's Covenant

Each of us comes as a pilgrim to this gathering of brothers and sisters in Christ. Each of us comes with our own cultural values, assumptions and world views. Each one of us and the cultures we represent, are God's living letters of faith, hope, love and beauty. Therefore, we embrace the following Christian virtues that honour God and promote right relationship between us as we gather together and learn from one another:

We promise to relate to one another with:

- ❖ Respect**
- ❖ Humility**
- ❖ Patience**
- ❖ Open mindedness**
- ❖ Courage**
- ❖ And the spirit of grace and forgiveness we have received in Christ Jesus.**

We acknowledge the land that we stand upon by:

- ❖ Remembering our aboriginal sisters and brothers who have walked these paths before us**
- ❖ Understanding that we are one part of God's creation**
- ❖ Honouring our future generations by preserving this land as they find their own paths.**

In our Christian love for one another we will:

- ❖ Invite the spirit into both our worship and business**
- ❖ Listen to others with our whole selves: our physical senses, intuition, imagination, and intellect**
- ❖ Speak for ourselves in the spirit of truth and gentleness, avoiding unhelpful generalizations and racial stereotypes**
- ❖ Not interrupt when others are speaking**
- ❖ Be mindful of language that is not inclusive**
- ❖ Affirm the deep wisdom of silence and pause, as necessary, to ponder what others have said**
- ❖ Seek to understand rather than win arguments and assume best intentions**
- ❖ Hold our beliefs and opinions lightly**
- ❖ Hold one another in prayer.**

Today this pilgrimage will lead us to becoming a Whole People. With God's help I will leave behind what I must to make this journey. Thanks be to God.