

LUCC Covenant

In Community

With God's help and grace, I honor this commitment in spirituality and stewardship, praying that our life together, and the way in which we treat one another, will reflect God's infinite love.

All are welcome to worship and serve God:

- ❖ In every way, by thought word and deed, we seek to build God-honoring relationships with each other.
- ❖ We seek to create positive relationships with each other.
- ❖ We choose to build each other up, believe the best in each other, giving each other the benefit of the doubt.
- ❖ We respect and encourage everyone's participation and contribution.
- ❖ We will be patient with one another and listen intently to the **one** person who is speaking, seeking to understand.
- ❖ We work to create and maintain a place in which each of us feels safe to share thoughts, ideas and concerns.

With Jesus' guidance, we will walk hand in hand even if we do not see eye to eye:

- ❖ We trust when we disagree we will be gentle and loving.
- ❖ We accept disagreements and conflicts as normal and natural.
- ❖ We communicate directly with those with whom we disagree.
- ❖ We speak **to** people not about them.
- ❖ We speak for ourselves only.
- ❖ We focus on issues and facts, not assumptions.
- ❖ We work toward forgiveness, acceptance and healing.

We will be a community in prayer that is guided by the Holy Spirit:

- ❖ We strive to
 - be understanding of each other's ideas and points of view.
 - be respectful on one another's point of view
 - to act with empathy
- ❖ We will listen with a quiet body and a clear mind.
- ❖ We will ask for help when we do not understand.
- ❖ We will speak directly to people in a conversational tone.
- ❖ We will respond with thoughtfulness and sensitivity, and without judgment.
- ❖ We will call for a prayer pause at any time to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading.