

## **Covenant of Welcome and Affirmation**

### **St. John's United Church of Christ – Chambersburg, Pennsylvania**

Scripture reminds us that we are one body with many members, with varying gifts. Scripture also reminds us that we are all created in God's image. At St. John's United Church of Christ, we affirm that image as inclusive of all individuals regardless of race, age, ethnicity, economic status, physical and/or mental ability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender expression or gender identity. Because many have experienced rejection and/or exclusion by some faith communities over the years, we at St. John's UCC seek to fully welcome and affirm all marginalized individuals. We seek to welcome into the full life and ministry of this congregation all persons, acknowledging those many diverse gifts of God among us. We seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we extend welcome, acceptance and affirmation to all who enter our doors and with whom we interact in our community at large, extending love, hope and justice. We seek further to overcome the complicity of silence, injustice and insensitivity to the marginalized.

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