

A Vision of our Ministry

First United, Waterloo is committed to building relationships and celebrating God's love.

God's love is wider and more inclusive than we can imagine, let alone live out. Jesus' love knew no boundaries, reaching out to all people, welcoming and honouring all in their uniqueness.

We commit ourselves to sharing that good news with others who may have heard a different message about what it means to be church and to welcome and create a space where we celebrate diversity and commit to the inclusion of, and justice for, those who have been marginalized within our society.

As part of that commitment, we will welcome and affirm:

- ***Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, 2-spirited and asexual folk, as well as others who have been marginalized on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. These are gifts from God and are key factors in making us who we are.***
- ***Those from the non-dominant culture or race. The life stories that you bring are gifts of God and enrich our community. We will be anti-racist, recognizing and celebrating our diversity and similarities.***
- ***First peoples of this land. We will acknowledge your care, stewardship and wisdom. We will work towards reconciliation with indigenous people.***
- ***Those of all ages, physical and mental ability and economic circumstances. Regardless of your stage in life or your circumstance, you are a gift of God and enrich our community.***

Together we will celebrate the richness, change, and growth this commitment brings to our journey together as we all mark life passages and share in church membership, leadership, and mission.

We strive to create a safe space for all.