

## **The Christ Church Gabriola Covenant**

Gracious and Loving God,

We, Christ Church Gabriola, followers of Jesus Christ in a shared Anglican and United Church ministry, covenant as a community with You:

*to WORSHIP You*

- with openness to the movement of Your Spirit, by using inclusive language, musical diversity, creativity, and the grounding we have in our traditions

*to CONNECT with each other and our neighbours*

- by welcoming and integrating into our community all persons as Your children
- by lovingly supporting each other as we grow in Christ, creating opportunities to connect with each other in fellowship
- by finding ways to become more multi-generational
- by sharing the good news of Your love with everyone

*to LEARN AND GROW together*

- by developing our faith through scripture studies, prayer and other spiritual practices
- by exploring the Christian tradition and a range of theological studies
- by informing ourselves about issues of social and ecological justice
- by using respectful communication
- by examining issues from multiple perspectives
- by offering to the wider community opportunities to safely engage in conversations about matters important to life, faith and the world

*and to SERVE our community and the world*

- by living in love and justice, and by working for the well-being of the earth and its inhabitants
- by serving the island community through offering our own resources, collaborating with other agencies, and drawing on our connections with the wider community
- by listening and responding to a changing world, recognizing its needs so we know how to serve

We covenant as a community in Christ's name. Amen.