

## Approved Spirit of Life Lutheran Welcome Statement

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We are a Christ-centred community of faith located on the unceded, ancestral, traditional territory of the x̣m̄əθk̄əȳəm (Musqueam), S̄k̄w̄x̄w̄ú7mesh (Squamish), and sə̄lilw̄ətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. Christ is the perfect example of how to love unconditionally. Compelled by his mission, we commit to ongoing learning with a posture of curiosity, humility, and grace. We behold all people as created in the image of God— our stories, lived experiences, and intersectional identities reflect God’s multifaceted nature. We welcome you in all your complexity as your whole self.

We specifically welcome 2SLGBTQIA+ people and folks of diverse gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations. We welcome IBPOC (Indigenous, Black, People of Colour) folks and people of all ethnicities, nationalities, and cultures. We welcome people of all abilities and those who may have disabilities, seen or unseen. We welcome you regardless of your socioeconomic position, employment status, languages spoken, education level, age, or chapter of your faith journey.

We are responsible to each other and reliant on God for our collective liberation. We embrace God’s spirit of growth and transformation in celebrating all God’s children as neighbours. In response to these values, we commit to ongoing learning and unlearning, to growing together and engaging in the work of anti-racism, anti-homophobia, and all forms of anti-oppression. We strive to actively investigate our institutional structures for shortcomings and will work towards transforming these systems to be equitable and inclusive of all people. We commit to working with other organizations that are pursuing the same goals. We will utilize our building and resources to address housing and food insecurity, social isolation, and welcome those on the margins, with the goal of creating a third space where all our neighbours can thrive.



