

As Christ's Church, we are...

## United in our Lord Jesus

"For were all baptized by one Spirit into one body." 1 Corinthians 12:13

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to one hope when you were called - one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."  
Ephesians 4:3-5

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."  
John 17:20-21

## United in our Mission

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"  
Matthew 28:18-20

## Do you need to seek reconciliation?

If you are struggling with where to start, we have experienced men and women who desire to walk with you through this process. Contact the church office for assistance:

The following organizations also offer assistance and resources to help restore unity in churches, marriages and families:

[www.peacemaker.net](http://www.peacemaker.net)  
[www.ministryoutfitters.org](http://www.ministryoutfitters.org)

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# Unity Builders

Read Philippians 2:1-5

## Be united in Christ

Give top priority to your own relationship with Jesus.

## Find comfort in his love

During times of struggle, turn to the Lord and find comfort in his love, rather than sulking with others.

## Be in fellowship with the Holy Spirit

Keep in step with the Spirit each and every day so he can produce fruit in your life.

## Be like-minded

We have the mind of Christ.

## Have the same love

Let the love that God lavishes on you spill over to everyone around you.

## Be one in spirit and purpose

We will stand together to reach the lost.

## Do nothing out of selfish ambition

We don't climb our way to the top; we climb our way to the bottom where we can serve others.

## Consider others better than yourself

The first shall be last and the last shall be first.

## Look out for the interests of others

Submit to one another in love.

## Maintain a Christ-like attitude

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

# Unity Killers

Read 2 Corinthians 12:20-21

## Quarreling

Are you arguing about insignificant things that have no biblical basis or eternal value?

## Jealousy

Are you envious of other people's gifts or talents, their positions in the church, or the attention they receive?

## Outbursts of anger

Is your anger adding fuel to the fire?

## Factions

Do you seek the opinions of others when you have a problem with someone or don't agree with a decision that was made?

## Slander

Is what you share about others building them up or tearing them down?

## Gossip

Do you have permission to share information about others?

## Arrogance

Are you prideful about your titles, accomplishments or level of influence at church? Are you at this church to serve or to be served?

## Disorder

Does your involvement bring chaos or unity to the situation?

## Unrepentance

Are you unwilling to repent of your sin and seek reconciliation?

# Covenant of Unity

I acknowledge that conflict is inevitable in church life. I will look at times of conflict as opportunities to be a minister of reconciliation, thus bringing glory to God. I refuse to run away, and will face conflict head on so that unity can be restored to the church and our witness to the world will not be destroyed.

## If someone sins against me (Matthew 18:15-20)

1. I will go alone to the offender and show him his fault
2. If he does not listen, I will take 1-2 witnesses with me
3. If he refuses to listen, I will bring it to the church elders

## If someone has something against me (Matthew 5:23-24)

If I remember that someone has something against me, I will drop what I am doing and go to that person to seek reconciliation.

## If there is an accusation against an elder (1 Tim 5:19)

I will not entertain an accusation against a church leader unless it is brought by 2-3 witnesses.

If I have a problem with a church leader that is based on personal preference, I will not seek opinions from others, but I will go directly to that person to discuss the matter.

I understand that the Lord appoints leaders to run the affairs of the church and that I may not get my way in certain matters. I will not allow bitterness to creep into my heart, but I will trust that God is working out his purposes in his Church.

I will commit to praying for our church leaders.

## If someone begins to gossip or speak negatively...

I will put a stop to it immediately by urging the person to talk directly to the person or people involved.

**I promise to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in our congregation.**

Signature

Date