



Confession 2:

Commitment to “Love One Another”

Through the years our fear of hurt and disappointment has weakened our conviction to love one another from the heart. We know that loving deeply often leaves our hearts exposed; but we believe, as Jesus says in John 13:35, that this is the true mark of a disciple.

Therefore, we are renewing our commitment to the body of Christ and the pursuit of unity with a collective understanding that when one part of the body suffers, the whole body suffers. We will pursue open and honest relationships; no longer turning a blind eye to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of others. From now on we will seek opportunities to sacrifice and take on the nature of a servant just as Jesus demonstrated in relationship with the people around him.

We are determined to be devoted to each other so that when visitors are in our midst they will know that even though we are in this world, we are not of it because we do not love the way the world does. Together, we will practice hospitality in creative ways; seeking opportunities to share both our lives and our faith with visitors and one another.

We want to develop sincere relationships with each other, based on our own personal commitment to God. These relationships will be characterised by grace, respect and honesty, speaking the truth in love, where confidentiality is respected and where we can be open and honest about our sin and struggles.

We love because He first loved us. Therefore, with Christ as our example, we will be patient, kind, generous and forgiving. We will not envy, boast, and be proud, rude or self-seeking. We will not be easily angered, keep a record of wrongs or delight in evil. We *will* rejoice in the truth. We will always protect, trust and hope and always persevere.

May God be glorified as we resolve to love one another as Christ loved us.