



## **RELATIONAL COVENANT**

Jesus Christ, at the end of ministry, took time to pray for the Church. His prayer, after all of his teaching, miracles, love and mercy was for our unity (John 17:20). The apostle Paul, reinforcing that point, reminds us that we are one body, united under Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12). The Church, put simply, is people who have committed to be unified through the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

As the people of MCC, with Christ as the center of our lives and our community, we are committed to living by faith, being known by love, and being a voice of hope, in all aspects of our lives.

### **TO LIVE BY FAITH:**

We strive to be genuine followers of Jesus Christ.

We will, by faith, trust that those with whom we interact are well-intentioned disciples of Jesus. When we inevitably come into conflict, our faith calls us to keep our communication, actions and attitudes Christ-centered.

### **TO BE KNOWN BY LOVE:**

We seek to know Jesus more deeply and emulate His actions in our lives.

To show our love for one another and the world, we will value our relationships over outcomes. We will actively encourage one another, love in and through our disagreements, and always seek to listen to, respect and cherish one another.

### **TO BE A VOICE OF HOPE:**

We choose to hold tightly to outrageous hope.

In our relationships with one another, we will listen and encourage while speaking honestly and humbly, constantly honoring one another, and trusting God is working through each person who is called by God's name.

By making these commitments and living in community, it is our shared hope that we become a people united through the transforming love of Jesus Christ, shining as a beacon of hope to the world around us.