

# Aspirational Relational Covenant

This proposed covenant is intended as a guide to how we wish to be with all whom we encounter at our church. It is a commitment of what each of us as individual members will strive to do to help our relationships with others here flourish. The covenant is not a measure of correct behavior – it is not a measure of who is right or wrong, who is the better UU, or who is worthy of being treated as having inherent worth and dignity. It is not a set of rules. It is not something to be enforced.

In addition, the covenant is not set in stone. It is a living document that can be revisited and revised. It is a statement of who we aspire to be as members.

## **Proposed Aspirational Relational Covenant**

*Ever mindful of our interconnectedness, we covenant to care for our own well-being, each other's well-being, and the well-being of our community as a whole.*

*We will:*

*Recognize the inherent worth and dignity of all;*

*Be respectful and kind, valuing the gifts and individuality of all;*

*Listen with empathy and consider the impact of our words and actions;*

*Be patient and understanding with each other;*

*Find a pathway and work for reconciliation.*

*We extend these promises to all whom we encounter in this community – members, visitors, staff, and guests.*

*Let this covenant be the mending when the fabric of our congregation is torn.*