

## **Connectional Table Members Covenant (Adopted during the 2021-2024 Quadrennium)**

*The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Mount Horeb. The LORD didn't make this covenant with our ancestors but with us—all of us who are here and alive right now. Deuteronomy 5:2-3 (CEB)*

We are a covenant people. Therefore as members of the Connectional Table of The United Methodist Church, we promise to

- Faithfully live into the membership vows of The United Methodist Church, recognizing our responsibility to the whole in faithfulness to its mission.
- Bring viewpoints from our own electing and appointing bodies to enrich the work of the CT serve on behalf of the whole denomination as servant leaders.
- Attend meetings<sup>1</sup>, come prepared, and participate fully with this group of servant leaders, recognizing that being present is critical to building relationships and trust.
- Encourage others, through words of love and affirmation, and engage in Christian conferencing as a way of listening with open hearts and minds while honoring diverse perspectives.
- Seek to maintain focus on our mission while moving and The Church toward common goals that are observable on the local level, thereby accepting our responsibility to make this community both connectional and directional.
- Foster an atmosphere of honor, respect, and trust so that all participants feel safe to speak the truth in love.
- Honor different ways of communicating and learning and create safe spaces where everyone has the opportunity and time to process information and share freely.
- Do all in our power to live as faithful witnesses to the work of God in and through The United Methodist Church
- Give thanks to God for the blessings that allow us all to partake in this world-transforming work through the Connectional Table. In gratitude, we will celebrate our God-given diversity.

Faithful disciples across the globe entrust us with their resources, their hopes, and their dreams for a church that gives witness to the love of Jesus Christ for our world today. Therefore, we commit to holding one another accountable, individually and corporately, to these promises. If there is a break in covenant, we will take time to examine our own attitudes and actions so that healing may take place and wholeness be restored for the sake of community and our covenant with God through The United Methodist Church.

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<sup>1</sup> As part of this covenant, absence from two (2) consecutive meetings without reasonable cause will result in voluntary withdrawal from this Table.