

**Gratefully following the example of God**, who created the world teeming with diversity (1) **and the call of Jesus** to love one another as He loved us,(2) **Love Your Neighbor embraces all people**, welcoming and including their gifts and histories.(3)

**As a Christ-following organization,**

**we recognize the dignity of every person**

**we strive for unity** rather than similarity,(4)

seeking to celebrate what makes each staff member, volunteer, participant and board member unique,(5)

**to seek out that diversity,**

**and to commit to Spirit-led education** toward the flourishing of all God's children.

(1) Genesis 1:, Colossians 1:16-17

(2) Matthew 22:36-40, Mark 12:31, 1 John 4:7-8

(3)Hebrews 12:14, 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 13:7, John 3:16, Romans 5:8, John 6:54, John 13:34, Malachi 1:11, Leviticus 19:18

(4)John 15:13, Psalm 133:1, 2 Corinthians 13:11, Galatians 3:28, Philippians 2:2, Colossians 3:14, Romans 12:4-5, Romans 12:16, Romans 14:19, Romans 15:5,16, 1 Peter 3:8, Ephesians 4:13, Acts 4:32

(5)Psalm 139:13-14,16, Psalm 119:73-74, 1 Peter 2:9, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 4:10-11

(6)I Corinthians 13:13, Romans 8:14, John 16:13, Romans 5:5, Galatians 5:22, Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 3:16, Philippians 4:7, 1 Thessalonians 5:23