

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 learning 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