

St. Matthew's Vestry Covenant

Trusting in the steadfast love of God the Father, relying on Jesus' promise to build his church, and seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8). As St. Matthew's vestry we will:

- Support our congregation by
 - Praying regularly for their well-being
 - Carefully listening to their concerns
 - Being receptive to their ideas and suggestions
 - Recognizing unique gifts and individual needs
 - Guiding them in defining our shared mission
 - Assisting them in discerning where the Spirit is leading
 - Faithfully stewarding our financial resources
 - Praying regularly for our local community
- Support our clergy and staff by
 - Praying for their joy in their vocation
 - Providing adequate resources for their work
 - Offering advice and guidance
 - Expressing appreciation for their ministries
 - Ensuring that they are adequately compensated
- Support our work as a vestry by
 - Praying with and for each other
 - Dwelling in the Word together
 - Expressing our views honestly and transparently
 - Assuming the best intentions of each other
 - Loving and trusting each other
 - Listening respectfully and patiently, especially to views different from our own
 - Being open to new ideas and opportunities
 - Preparing conscientiously for meetings and retreats
 - Observing confidentiality when appropriate

We will look for signs of God's kingdom both in our midst and in the world; we will encourage everyone at St. Matthew's to join us in following the Way of Jesus; we will strive to be a community that reflects God's love: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

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