

Westworth Covenant of Respect

Our Mission is to be the hands and feet of Christ, within Westworth and beyond.

Our Mission calls us all to a ministry using the spiritual gifts we have been given, to lift up the body of Christ and to serve our church community and wider community. We ask our Council, Ministry Teams, Committees and Congregation to reflect on how we offer our various skills and interests as the hands and feet of Christ. We are asked to:

- listen and consider the needs of the congregation and the community as we plan for the present and the future
- care for the people we lead and serve
- be stewards of time, financial, and human resources
- commit to building faith through example

We strive to demonstrate the following values:

We welcome human diversity.

We celebrate Christian faith.

We build community.

We reach out.

In support of our Mission and Goals, as members and leaders in the congregation, we make a commitment to:

- Honour differences and the inherent worth of all
- Nurture a safe and welcoming community for people diverse in sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, class, race and abilities
- Recognize that we are responsible for our words and actions
- Assume good will on the part of each other
- Listen to each other with care
- Speak to and about each other with respect
- Talk directly to each other when differences exist
- Be honest
- Ask for help when conflict is too difficult to handle alone
- Support an environment of respect, safety, trust and cooperation