

## Joint Ministry Leadership Team Statement on Communication



In faithful witness to God's unfailing and unending love we are accountable to our expectations for each other.

### **We will show loving as we:**

- Pray regularly for each other
- Pray regularly for our fruitfulness
- Attend meetings unless ill or have an unavoidable conflict.  
*"The Lord watch between you & me when we are absent from one another." Genesis 31:49*

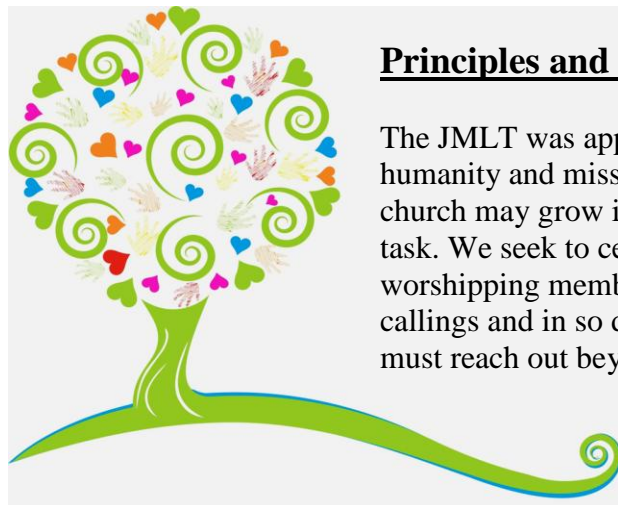
### **Be learning as we:**

- Participate in each meeting by openly sharing honest thoughts, questions, and insights.
- Share in the tasks set forth to our Leadership Team and complete specific tasks assigned.
- Recognize we are all responsible for success.  
*"For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God's good pleasure." Philippians. 2:13*

### **Considerately living as we:**

- Recognize everyone is trying his/her best to help this church serve God faithfully and well.
- Confront behaviors perceived as non-productive, disruptive, or destructive without dishonoring anyone.
- Speak using "I statements", ask questions to clarify understanding and check assumptions.
- Remember - understanding is more important than fixing.  
*"As you have read, the Lord himself will go before you, God will not leave you or forget you. Do not be afraid and do not worry." Deuteronomy 3*

**We are servants of God and stewards of God's Holy Church. In the hands of each other we are in the hands of God.**



### **Principles and Convictions of your Joint Ministry Leadership Team**

The JMLT was appointed to produce a Covenant of Union embracing common fundamental beliefs in God, humanity and mission. We are striving to create a governance structure that empowers innovation so our church may grow in Christian mission. We accept the responsibility, authority, and accountability of this task. We seek to celebrate the traditions and principles of our two uniting churches. We believe all worshipping members of our congregation are in ministry and are bound to seek and accept their individual callings and in so doing, are supportive of this joint venture. We believe we are the fingertips of God and must reach out beyond ourselves.