

Proposed Statement of Inclusion

At St. John United Methodist Church, we believe that God made all creation and saw that it was good. We are a diverse people of God who bring special gifts and evidences of God's grace to the unity of the Church and to society.

We are committed to a Wesleyan vision of Christianity, anchored in scripture and informed by tradition, experience, and reason as we live a life of personal piety and social holiness.

We believe that we are called to be faithful to the example of Jesus' ministry to all persons. We believe in and celebrate God's unconditional love and grace for all people. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created by God.

We commit to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in all forms.

We believe that discrimination in any form is incompatible with Christ's Gospel. In this spirit, St. John United Methodist Church welcomes everyone; including people of every race, ethnicity and national origin, age, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, mental and physical ability, faith history, family structure, marital status, educational background, and economic status; into full participation in the life, fellowship, leadership, ministry, rituals, and sacraments of the church.

We believe the Christian story is one of radical inclusion and hospitality, and we are committed to following Christ's example of breaking down any barrier that may keep someone from experiencing the love of God in Christian community.

We welcome all people to our church who want to repent and to share instruction in the scripture and to fulfill the gospel to love one another as we love ourselves. We allow for open discussion and deep questioning within our community.

We strive to grow more fully into God's expansive love and grace through studies and discussions that focus on vulnerability, genuine respect, understanding, equality, justice, and peace.

All are welcomed here. All are loved here. All are engaged in service here.