

Covenant
At The Last Supper Christ Prayed For His Church

“May they all be one.
Father, may they be one in us,
As you are in me and I am in you,
So that the world may believe it was you who sent me.
I have given them the glory you gave me,
that they may be one as we are one.
With me in them and you in me,
may they be so completely one
that the world will realize that it was you who sent me,
And that I have loved them as much as you loved me.”

We, the communities of the All Saints Catholic Church, the First Christian Church and the Taylorsville United Methodist Church, Taylorsville, Kentucky believe it is imperative for us to strive for this unity. In this conviction we enter into this covenant – a covenant which is full of hope and which is a symbol of our mutual desire for healing.

The Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Louisville, the Regional Minister of Kentucky, and the Bishop of Kentucky have encouraged such covenant relationships. Our covenant has arisen from the desire of the people of our three communities to join together in a closer relationship with one another in the spirit of the love of Christ. We wish to share these things which unite us and to explore and understand those things which make us unique.

Therefore, we do enter reverently this day into a Covenant Relationship and hereby pledge;

1. To include in our Sunday services a prayer for each other.
2. To work and pray for unity in the whole body of Christ.
3. To hold joint services on special occasions, such as annual celebrations commemorating the signing of this covenant.
4. To issue an invitation to member of each church to attend the services of the other at any time.
5. To seek cooperation between the various groups of the three churches, and to make available to each other programs sponsored by our congregations.
6. To promote joint prayer and dialogue on the traditions of each communion, and to support each in preserving the traditions of the other – Roman Catholic, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and United Methodist Church as the case may be – according to the mandate of the Gospel.
7. To establish a Covenant Committee to provide for the continuing needs of administrating this covenant.

While we strive for unity, we remain aware that unity does not imply uniformity. Therefore, we commit ourselves to the preservation of that richness which springs from the diversity of our separate traditions. We are one in commitment not only to Christ and to each other, but also to the whole Church.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord, Nineteen hundred and eighty-six.

Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Roman Catholic
Church

United Methodist
Church