

Adopted by the Vestry 1/23/2018

## **Diversity: Commitment to Being A Beloved Community**

“Beloved Community” is the practical image of the world we, as Christians, pray for when we say, “thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion is committed to:

- Being a beloved community in which people of diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, sexual orientation, and gender identities come together to celebrate our kinship as people who love God and who love the image of God reflected in our neighbors, in ourselves, and in creation.
- Being a beloved community that is constantly seeking to grow in our relationship with God and each other, and to love and serve our neighbors (near and far).
- Being a beloved community that is always striving to learn and practice Jesus’ way of love, especially as he calls on us to break down the walls that separate us, and to examine structures of oppression and their impact on our own lives and the lives of others.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Book of Common Prayer 815)

## **Beloved Community Commitment**

Annual Meeting 2018

*Deacon* Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, Will you commit to:  
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*Rector:*

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