

Covenant
between County and Regional leaders and Representatives of
Churches in Northamptonshire

We believe that the Holy Spirit is leading us into deeper unity, and that God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, is calling us to a greater sharing in our common mission to the world.

We rejoice in the partnership of trust which has grown among us as we have shared personally in worship, work and consultation over recent years.

We recognise that we have in common many similar responsibilities, joys, problems and hopes, and that we have much to offer to, and receive from each other in the rich diversity of our traditions, as we seek to serve our one Lord.

We undertake, for the sake of God's kingdom, to encourage our churches to act together

- in mission, evangelism and issues of justice and peace;
- and in relation to appointments, buildings and resources.

We commit ourselves

- to meet together regularly to further the aims of this Covenant;
- to promote local co-operation and the setting up and supporting of Local Ecumenical Partnerships;
- and to encourage the work of the local, regional and national bodies of Churches Together.

We invite congregations to share in the spirit of this Covenant to which we now commit ourselves, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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