

LOCAL COVENANT

PART 1

DECLARATION OF INTENT:

We the Members of:

St. Mary's Catholic Community, Oxenford
Gold Coast North Anglican Church
Apostolic Church (Australia)-Gaven
Uniting Church in Australia Coomera-Helensvale Linked Congregations

REAFFIRM OUR BELIEF that the visible unity in the life and mission of all Christ's People is the will of God.

WE ALSO BELIEVE that we are being blessed in our generation to witness the quickening of the Spirit in drawing the Churches together in a common search for unity.

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR according to the Scriptures, and acknowledge our calling to serve His mission in the world.

WE GIVE THANKS for all we have in common, but we recognise that our differences can be a hindrance to that mission.

WE RECOGNISE ONE ANOTHER as Communities of Faith, Hope and Love, committed to following Jesus Christ and pledged to serve His Kingdom.

WE THEREFORE MAKE A COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER in this local covenant, not knowing what form unity may eventually take, but believing that, by taking the steps to which we now commit ourselves, we shall be led to grow ever more deeply in that unity which is Christ's will for all His people.

PART 2

WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO

- join in prayer and worship;
- support each other in growing appreciation of and respect for our own tradition, and each others, for the enrichment of the life of the wider Church;
- explore together our Christian convictions and their practical application;
- co-operate in Christian education and training;
- share in God's mission.

PART 3

WE AGREE to explore such further steps as will be necessary to make more clearly visible the unity of all Christian people in this local area;

WE AGREE to continue to develop methods of decision making in common;

WE AGREE, within the fellowship of this Declaration of Intent, to respect the rights and conscience of individuals.

SIGNED this 20th day of May, 2001

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