

THE ALLIANCE OF BAPTISTS' COVENANT AND MISSION

We are a people formed from a long tradition of dissent and historic Baptist freedoms. Celebrating this heritage, we seek to cultivate beloved community, claiming our identity within the body of Christ in the world. We welcome all persons with full respect to gender, sexual, racial, and ethnic identities. We value all voices and hold space for all persons with varying abilities, social standing, or economic status.

We lament and confess that historically many of us have benefited from and contributed to systems of racial, social, political, economic, and ecological injustice. As Baptists we have cherished independence from one another more than responsibility to one another, and we have allowed systemic injustices to flourish under the banner of individual freedom. We repent.

Transformed through baptismal waters, we freely gather to follow the way of Jesus. As disciples and congregations we openly respect and wrestle together with scripture, practice shared leadership, and promote religious liberty.

Guided by the Spirit, we commit ourselves to:

- Make the worship of God primary in our gatherings
- Cultivate relationships of mutual respect and accountability
- Establish spaces of refuge and renewal with those who are wounded
- Act to dismantle systems of white supremacy, patriarchy, and abusive power
- Listen to and follow voices that have been silenced
- Work to eradicate poverty in all its forms
- Hold the earth sacred and practice sustainability
- Support theological education for all ages
- Develop ecumenical and interfaith partnerships
- Pursue God's peace and love
- Break down barriers that divide humanity
- Raise prophetic voices for liberation and justice

We seek to live in joy, humility, and gratitude, nurturing the realm of God.