



# St. Michael and All Angels

Cambridge Junction, Michigan

## Behavioral Covenant

Out of respect for the members of St. Michael and All Angels Church we will honor individual rights and dignity in respecting all persons. As stated in 1 Peter 4: 8-11a (NRSV):

*“Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.”*

We will honor the mission and vision statements of St. Michael and All Angels Church.

We will adhere to the St. Michael and All Angels By Laws as approved by the congregation.

To provide for the spiritual needs of all persons within our congregation and around us, we will be supportive of one another as we strive to carry out The Ministry of the Baptized. In that spirit, we make the following Covenant:

In relating to others, we will show as much willingness to accept help from others as to offer help to others. We will offer suggestions in helpful and sensitive ways and find opportunities to affirm other persons' valuable qualities and skills. In doing so, we will promote open and respectful communication in all aspects of our Church community and in the world.

We will honor our commitments in carrying out the life works of the Church, both within our Church and in the world, as an outreach to those in need. We will work to reach consensus on Church decisions; but where consensus is not possible, we agree to disagree agreeably and we will be loyal and honor the decision of the majority.

For the unity of the Church, we will promote grace to all persons eliminating unhappy divisions, all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from a godly union with one another. We will respect and welcome all persons regardless of race, gender, religion, creed, color, national origin, physical limitation, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

As an inclusive Church community, we will strive to create a safe atmosphere, respecting all persons by not approaching one another with uninvited (unwelcome or unwanted) touching, hugging, or other behaviors, which could be perceived as invading one's person or space.

*“As there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord.” The Book of Common Prayer 1979*

**Adopted by the Congregation on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

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