

CTR Relational Covenant 2026

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

The ministry of Reconciliation is central to the Christian life. According to Colossians 1:20, through Jesus Christ, God the Father is reconciling all things himself, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his Cross. Therefore, reconciliation begins with each of us being reconciled to God, through repentance and faith. According to II Corinthians 5, Christ has given us this ministry of reconciliation that in being reconciled to God, we are also to be reconciled to one another.

Accordingly, this covenant for living together in Christian community is designed to give practical guidelines to build godly relationships with one another to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace for the welfare of the Body of Christ and her people. All members of **Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church** will abide by the following principles:

1. Seek reconciliation in my relationships with others, offering and desiring forgiveness and resolving the issues that caused our conflict whenever possible.

Matthew 6:14 Luke 6:37 1 Corinthians 1:10 Ephesians 4:32 Colossians 3:12-13
Matthew 5:23–24

[Jesus said], “So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

2. Practice patient self-control, extending grace when minor offenses occur.

Proverbs 17:9 Proverbs 19:11 Romans 15:7 Ephesians 4:2-3
Colossians 3:13

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaining against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”

3. Talk directly with each other, rather than talking about one another. This means I will not share with others what I should say directly to another person.

Leviticus 19:16 Proverbs 26:20-22 II Corinthians 12:20 James 4:1-2
Matthew 18:15–16

[Jesus said], “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

4. Build up the Body of Christ and other people in my words and conversations.

Romans 14:19 Romans 15:2 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 James 5:9
Ephesians 4:29

“Let no unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”

5. In the event that attempts toward reconciliation have been made, and yet reconciliation does not occur, CTR will abide by the process of discipline outlined in Matthew 18:15-20.

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

(English Standard Version)

1 Corinthians 14:26

What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

Matthew 5:23–24

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 6:14

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Luke 6:37

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

1 Corinthians 1:10

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Proverbs 17:9

Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

Proverbs 19:11

Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

Romans 15:7

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Ephesians 4:2–3

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Leviticus 19:16

You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

Proverbs 26:20–22

For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases. As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife. The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body.

Matthew 18:15–16

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2 Corinthians 12:20

For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder.

James 4:1–2

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

Romans 14:19

So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

Romans 15:2

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

1 Corinthians 13:4–7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

James 5:9

Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

Proverbs 25:11–12

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprove to a listening ear.

Proverbs 27:5–6

Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Galatians 6:1

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

James 5:19-20

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.