

WE BELIEVE in *the Wesleyan way* of holiness, which seeks to “do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God.” Recognizing that when John Wesley wrote; “*The gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness*” ...he was rejecting solitary Christianity and recognizing that our Christian faith is only truly holy when it is lived out in the context of the Christian community of love and service to one another and the world. We know that God’s grace surrounds us all the days of our lives, and it is this divine prevenient grace that serves to place us in relationship with God. This is our understanding of the sanctifying nature of God’s grace and we therefore reject the use of threats of schism as counter to this purpose and extortive. We seek unity, not maintained through forced conformity, selective scriptural literalism, or colonialist structures, but rather in ways that respect the fullness of God’s diverse creation and our yearning to be whole in our relationships with God, ourselves and others.