**Open and Affirming Covenant (2015)**

As members of the United Church of Christ, we profess that God is still speaking and we are a community of Christians who live in openness to God's voice.

We celebrate the beauty and uniqueness of each individual in God's diverse human family, and we treasure unity in the family of God.

Covina Community Church strives to follow Jesus' way of compassion and love, justice and mercy, acceptance and inclusion.

We do this by:

Creating a caring community that celebrates human diversity;

Encouraging people to face issues of faith and spiritual growth openly and honesty;

Nourishing the spirit of God within all of God's children;

Promoting sustainable and equitable uses of the earth's resources;

Respecting the gifts of all who come to us on a journey of faith;

Respecting the wisdom of other religious traditions;

Working with others to create a justice society and a peaceful world;

Inviting into the fellowship of our congregation…

People of every ethnic background and nationality;

People who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual;

People in any economic situation;

People who have limitations of physical prowess or mental condition;

People of any health status;

People in all family structures and people of all ages;

and welcoming everyone to join in the life and work of our congregation and in the ongoing commitment to charitable service in the name of Jesus Christ.

We invite all persons to participate and share fully in our fellowship and leadership, ministry and responsibilities, sacraments and worship.

We pray that everyone will benefit from the blessings and joys of our community of faith.