

## *A Pledge to the 2020 Presidential Electorate*

### **Preface**

The Vestry of St. Philip's Episcopal Church recently had a conversation about the upcoming presidential election. We discussed how we wanted to be toward one another regardless of our individual political beliefs, whether we are in agreement or disagreement, and regardless of who wins the election. The idea of taking a pledge came from that conversation.

This pledge is not necessarily a goal to be accomplished, but a way of being toward one another - a practice to be lived day to day.

### **Pledge**

As a person of faith committed to the life and teachings of Jesus, I make this pledge to all people regardless of their political beliefs, whether we are in agreement or disagreement, and regardless of who wins the election.

With respect to my words and actions, whether in person or through social media, I pledge and commit myself, both before and after the election -

To love others as Jesus has loved me (John 13:34);

To treat others as I would want them to treat me (Luke 6:31);

To love my enemies, do good to those who hate me, bless those who curse me, and pray for those who abuse me (Luke 6:27-28);

To "proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ" (*Book of Common Prayer*, 305); and

To "strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being" (*Book of Common Prayer*, 305).

This I pledge in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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