

10 COMMITMENTS FOR PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

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Our Church acknowledges and laments the violence which has been suffered by some of our members and repents of the part we have played in allowing an environment where violence went unaddressed.

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Our Church leaders commit to ensure conditions that support the prevention of violence, a church culture that promotes equality, and support for those who experience violence.

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Our Church consistently teaches about equality, freedom from violence, respectful relationships and the honour/value of every person.

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Our Church affirms that human relationships are to be based on respect and mutuality.

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Our Church acknowledges the different experiences of all people and that these have played a part in whether they have been treated with respect and equality.

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Our Church actions are directed by the gospel of love, peace and justice, and are informed and engaged with local, state and national government initiatives as appropriate.

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Our church supports cultural change in our communities by communicating effectively to our members.

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Our Church trains our leaders, pastoral staff and parish councils to understand and be equipped to respond in ways that prevent and address domestic and family violence.

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Our leaders and pastoral staff hold themselves to account and are guided by the Anglican Church's Code of Conduct: *Faithfulness in Service*.

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These commitments are regularly reviewed and improved.