



ONA “Open and Affirming” Covenant Statement:

The Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Rochester, Minnesota, is a theologically diverse community united by our faith in God and our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Spirit of Christ, we strive to honor the great commandments: to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Our congregation declares itself to be a welcoming Christian community, open to and affirming of all God’s beloved children. We recognize the equal value of people of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions. All are welcome regardless of physical, mental or emotional abilities, family structures, faith backgrounds or socio-economic status. We invite all people, whoever you are and wherever you are on life’s journey, into the full life, ministry, joys and responsibilities of participation in our congregation.

We know that Jesus excludes no one from his love, and we choose to do likewise. We humbly ask for God’s guidance as we walk together, embracing this covenant and living forward into our full potential.

The Congregational Church UCC Rochester, MN has officially adopted through an appropriate congregational meeting this Open and Affirming covenant on September 27, 2015.