



MOSAIC

# TABLE COVENANT

## 2024 CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

Mosaic's vision is to embody the reconciling love of Jesus in our broken and beautiful world. For the last three Assemblies, we have reflected on God's loving-kindness (*chesed*), faithful truth (*emet*), and humility (*tsenea*). As we talk during delegate sessions or chat in the breaks, we commit to practicing God's loving-kindness, faithful truth, and humility.

### LOVING-KINDNESS

1. We acknowledge that we may be exposed to new ideas, people, experiences, or situations that are unfamiliar and may make us uncomfortable at times. We will listen carefully with the goal of understanding.
2. Because we know that we are talking across differences in language, vocabulary, culture, and life experiences, we will "listen" to more than words: we will pay attention to what feelings are expressed, to body language, and to the many ways that others use silence to speak.
3. We acknowledge that another person's story or experience is not ours to share, and we will protect each other's stories by keeping details of what is shared here confidential.

### FAITHFUL TRUTH

1. We are not here to debate who is right or wrong but to hear what God's Spirit wants to say to us through one another. We will remain in a posture of dialogue.
2. In order to faithfully speak our truth, we will take responsibility for what we say: trying to speak clearly, defining words or concepts as needed, using "I" statements, avoiding judgmental questions, and using specific, personal examples instead of generalizations.
3. We acknowledge that we are talking about deeply personal topics. We will pay attention to our feelings and communicate those feelings to our conversation partners by naming them without blaming others.

### HUMILITY

1. We admit that we come to this gathering with preconceived assumptions and perceptions of others. We will assume the best of one another, paying attention to how our perceptions shape how we hear and interpret what others say.
2. Over the course of our conversation, we may have times when we agree or disagree with the dominant opinion. We will honor the consensus of our gathered group while also giving special care to those who hold a dissenting opinion, seeking to hear how we can live more faithfully in light of these differences.
3. We realize, in the process of honest dialogue, we may be challenged or convicted. We will remain open to the transformation of God's Spirit, which may include changing our mind.