

RIC Welcome Statement for New Life Church

New Life Church, on Madison's East side, is a family of faith for all people where we affirm everyone is created in the image of God as beloved children of God. We believe God calls us to advocate for justice, equity, inclusion, and peace among all people while respecting the dignity of every person.

We welcome and celebrate diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social and economic status, judicial history, political view, background, ability, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and the building up of non-oppressive systems. Our uniqueness is essential to our community – all have a seat here at Christ's table of love and in the faces of our leadership.

We believe that it's not about perfection. In fact, we won't always get it right but believe that we can grow by staying open as teachable spirits, called to be partners in God's creative work. We embrace this sacred invitation to engage together in a life-giving, wondrous (albeit messy and stretchy) vision of love, inclusion, and grace for all.

All are invited to begin, continue, or renew journeys of faith and discovery, and to pull up a chair to the Lord's table.