A Credo for Christians in these times:

Touchstones for living the "way of Jesus"…

We believe each human being is made in God's image and likeness.

- Racism, white nationalism, and marginalization of people by virtue of their ethnicity, skin color, religion, or cultural heritage contradict this belief.

We commit ourselves to working for inclusiveness and human dignity for all people, acknowledging that everyone is a beloved child of God.

We believe we are one body. In Christ, there is no distinction based on race, gender, identity or class.

- Oppression, injustice, and abuse of any person in our society and our institutions contradict this belief.

We commit ourselves to trying to see the "other" as our sister or brother, and to seeking justice for all.

We believe that Jesus calls us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, including the refugee and immigrants, to tend the sick, and visit those in prison.

- Many of the values inherent in our culture contradict this way of being in the world.

We commit ourselves to treating all those who suffer or are in need as we would treat Christ himself.

We believe truth is morally central to our personal and public life.

- Many forces and voices in our culture contradict the pursuit of truth and the commitment to live by its wisdom and guidance.

We commit ourselves to seeking the truth and to listening to the voices and wisdom of those who value the "common good" over the "good life." We acknowledge that the "truth" will often be counter-cultural and require us to challenge the powers that be.

We believe that Christ's way of leadership is the way of "servanthood."

- Many political, cultural, ecclesial, educational, and financial leaders contradict Christ's way of servant love as the guiding principle for leadership in civic and community life.

We commit ourselves to Jesus' model of leadership, and to living in accordance with the "kingdom of God" in which all persons live in service to one another, all are welcome at the table, and all voices are listened to with reverence and respect.

We believe we are called to love and serve the world and all of God's creation.

- Nationalistic rallying cries that grant more value to one nation or one people over other nations or people contradict this belief.

We commit ourselves to valuing the world God so loves. And we will do so by supporting international humanitarian organizations, by striving for peace throughout the world, and by accepting our responsibility to be good stewards of the earth's resources.