

## All Are Welcome - Non-Specific Language

1) The Paradise Valley United Methodist Church family in faith welcomes you. We recognize that Christ's love has no boundaries and we welcome all to share Christ's love through help, hope and healing. We claim a sacred place where Christ's love unites all to support and care for others while nurturing a personal relationship with God. We believe we are called to be living representatives of Jesus Christ and bring others to know God's mercy, justice, grace and love. We respond to Christ's love and God's call by sharing our time, talents, tithes, spiritual gifts and resources.  
*(From Kent Heltne)*

2) We welcome you to worship and service.  
*(From Gary Edens)*

3) We invite you to be part of a dynamic and fully inclusive community of faith at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church, where we practice God's love in action™ through worship, learning, service, advocacy, mission and small groups. We believe that God's unconditional love and grace crosses all barriers and embraces all people. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, PVUMC welcomes you into its life and ministry. *(From the Welcome page of the website, with edits from received feedback.)*

## All Are Welcome - Inclusive Language

- 1) We are committed to being a welcoming, fully inclusive and authentic faith community, without regard to race, ethnicity, marital status, age, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental capacity, education or economic status. (*From the Bible, Beliefs and Beyond Adult Sunday School class.*)
- 2) We invite you to join us on a shared journey of life and faith, open to all, regardless of age, ability, economics, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, politics, theology or anything else that might separate us from each other. Whoever you are and whatever may have brought you here, we ask you to join us as we walk with Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and embrace the endless possibilities of love for all of God's children: those who are here, those in our communities, and those we have not yet met, but whom God would have us seek out.  
(*From the Common Ground Proposal*)
- 3) We are a community of people on a shared journey of life and faith. We are committed to inclusivity, to being a place of welcome, safety, love, and respect for all persons regardless of age, station, economics, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any of the categories the world constructs to segregate or alienate people from people. We celebrate that we are all children of the same God, called to love each other. (*From the Survey question: Would you support the adoption of a welcoming statement by PVUMC that would be similar to the above" and received 198 "Yes" responses, 23 "Maybe," 31 "No" and 4 did not respond. More than 77% responded "Yes."*)