



301 Faith Partners

St. Paul's Episcopal
Mary of Magdala Ecumenical Catholic
Trinity Lutheran

*May all who work together in ministries, committees and shared projects
be guided by the Vision, Mission and Values stated below*

Our Vision – ‘Our guiding Light’

Weaving a tapestry of love, hope and justice for the world.

Our Mission – ‘What we do’

301 Faith Partners is an inclusive community dedicated to be more, and do more together, while respecting individual gifts and traditions. We welcome all people and offer a spiritual refuge with opportunities for individual and collective growth. We commit to work for social justice and to protect all creation.

Our Core Values – ‘Our foundation’

Love: We offer love as the source and foundation of our lives together to be shared with each other, our neighbors, our community, and the world.

Faith: We believe a spiritual presence guides and directs us in shared ministry.

Compassion: We lift up all of humanity and creation through prayer and action.

Collaboration: We commit to be more and do more together by embracing our strengths and strengthening our weaknesses.

Inclusivity: We welcome all people to our sacred home to experience the wonder and joy of being.

Sanctuary: We provide a safe haven for spiritual journeys of healing and growth while fostering a sense of belonging.

Diversity: We respect and celebrate the uniqueness of all people and their traditions.

Gratitude: We are thankful for our shared talents and resources manifesting in generosity of spirit and action for the common good.

Communication: We connect through safe and transparent dialogue recognizing there are times to listen and times to speak as we build community.

Creativity: We express our faith, hope, and love through music, language, and art.

Our Covenant – ‘How we interact. Our agreement’

God’s covenant with God’s people from the beginning is to unite through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit revealed at Pentecost recognizes the different gifts and languages among us, while holding us together as one Church, one body of Christ working together as partners. Our ministry partnership, grounded in the love of Christ, is a flawed yet beautiful expression to the community of God’s dream for this world. God’s mission has a church: here at 301 E Stuart.

As we move into a long-term partnership, Trinity Lutheran, St. Paul’s Episcopal, and Mary of Magdala Ecumenical Catholic Community, will have expectations of one another, renewable agreements, and promises to one another. As three separate and unique congregations, but one faith community, we covenant with one another:

1. **We covenant to LOVE** – to love God, Self, and our Partners in Ministry as we Love Our Self - seeking together God’s will for our partnership.
2. **We covenant to COMMUNICATE** – to be open, honest, and more effective in communication among our three congregations; to communicate the decisions and work of our faith partnership to all three congregations; to respect each congregation to retain its

own unique historical character, governance, and polity, as each continues to manage its own finances, even as we share expenses.

3. **We covenant to WORK TOGETHER in all Volunteer Areas** – to help share the responsibility and care of our common spaces including sanctuary, kitchen, narthex, fellowship hall, and sacristy. We will continue to work together across ministry teams such as Faith Formation, Social Eco Justice, Music, and Property, while promising to find other ways to faithfully engage in ministry together.
4. **We covenant to SHARE monthly Operations and Maintenance Expenses** – to reassess each congregation’s contribution, based on need and ability, to the shared expenses of operating and maintaining the church and its ministries. We share together the information of finances, to better contribute to the shared expense of ministry. *
5. **We covenant to INVITE one another into any capital expense** – to consider, create, and fund capital projects (expenses outside normal monthly operation and maintenance) for use by all three congregations..

Our Prayer – ‘As we work together.’

Eternal Source of Creativity and Wisdom, who by the Holy Spirit guided the Apostles in all knowledge and truth, be present with us, the 301 Faith Partners.

In the passions of debate give us a quiet spirit, in the complexities of the issues give us clear minds, and in the moments of decision give us courageous hearts.

Guide us in all things to seek only your dream for your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**