

## **Vision + Core Values Statement Vote**

The Vision + Core Values Statement will be voted on at a congregational meeting, to obtain the congregation's approval.

### **Background:**

- In the journey of becoming an Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada we were tasked with developing a Vision statement to reflect this pathway
- the Affirming Group thought it would be useful for you, while you review the Statement, to understand the process and perspective behind the document.
- We would like to thank all of you who have provided feedback to the Affirming Group, through the various informational and educational engagements and discussions.

Our Trinity United Board and Affirm United have both approved the Vision + Core Values Statement.

### **Process:**

- Input was received from congregants and reviewed
- Individually, we researched several websites from United Church of Canada Affirming congregations and a few other denominations
- Website: we took the viewpoint that our Vision + Core Values Statement would be accessed by the public through our website

### **Criteria for Vision + Core Values Statement:**

- Statement must be concise, to pique interest and have readers read further about Trinity United Church Collingwood
- Be clear that our Vision + Core Values Statement is a declaration of our goals: the church we want to be
- Try to avoid long lists of diverse groups where possible, as inevitably someone is missed
- Be aware of words and phrases that would be negative triggers for some people unfamiliar with Trinity United Church Collingwood
- Reference our current Vision and Mission Statements
- Statement must reflect the character of our congregation

As you review the Vision + Core Values Statement, we ask you:

Does this include and cover what is important to you at Trinity United Church Collingwood?