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A Call to Discipleship Amidst a Culture of Christian Nationalism

Be it resolved that we—as members of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference congregations, church plants and constituencies—affirm the following:

As Christians in the Anabaptist tradition we read the scriptures through the lens of Jesus' life and teachings. This reading of scripture, together with our prayerful listening for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and the faithful witness of our ancestors in faith and our global Mennonite community, lead us to proclaim in word and action that:

The blessing of Christ's love is for all people--regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or religious identity. Faithful discipleship in Christ calls us to extend welcome and hospitality to all.

Discipleship in Christ calls us to a path of nonviolent love that is actively engaged in a ministry of reconciliation, peacebuilding and justice-seeking. Any violence, negligence or abusiveness in our words, actions or attitudes is a sign that Christ's work of transformation in our lives remains incomplete.

As Christians our citizenship is most fundamentally in the Body of Christ and the Kingdom of God. Any effort to confine the good news of God's love in Christ within particular political ideologies, cultural boundaries, or national borders is contrary to our faith.

God's love and favor always act to moderate, and never exacerbate, the inequitable distribution of wealth, power, privilege and prestige. Faithful discipleship requires us to spend these assets—to the extent that they are granted to us—freely and generously to lift up those who are overlooked, marginalized, abused or excluded.

As we seek to faithfully live out these convictions, we are grateful to walk this path alongside other Christians, people of many faiths, and all companions who share our commitment to build and nurture beloved community. When our words and actions fall short of these convictions, we pray for grace and mercy, and that we might yield to Christ's invitation to repentance and our continued transformation in the Love that heals and reconciles all.