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2-1: He is Amongst Us - The Board Covenant of BCUC

As leaders of the Christian community of Bells Corners United Church, we agree, with the help of God, to relate to each other through Christ, and thus hold ourselves and each other to:

- Invite Jesus to be a member of every gathering.
- Extend a warm welcome and Christian fellowship to all.
- Strive for what is best for our Church as a whole
- Support our ministers, staff and elected ministry.
- Present ideas honestly, openly and completely.
- Seek as much to understand as to be understood.
- Acknowledge that conflict is a normal part of life.
- Allow disagreement without personal resentment.
- Speak only from first-hand knowledge.
- Raise issues and concerns through proper channels.
- Publicly support meeting or vote results, even if they don't reflect our personal views.
- Give ourselves time to think about important issues before making decisions.
- Suspend judgments and act in a non-defensive, non-reactive way.
- Respect the privacy of those who confide.
- Deal directly with people with whom we disagree.
- Strengthen each other.
- Be gentle with one another.
- Forgive One Another.
- Accept our role as wise stewards of our Earth and the rest of God's gifts to us

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