

# A Statement of Welcome

(adopted by the congregation March 2004)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, So that everyone who believes in Him may not perish But may have eternal life.”

— John 3:16 (NRSV)

We, at First Church of the Brethren, welcome and affirm all members and congregational participants without exclusion. According to the gospel of Jesus Christ, we affirm all loving relationships and all family units, and we open our congregation to all who choose to embrace our community believers regardless of sexual orientation, race, age, gender, abilities, or status in life. We strive to be a loving and inclusive community where all are eligible to participate in the rites, ordinances, and blessings of the church.