

A Jamestown-High Bridge Covenant of Mutual Purpose

Be it known by one and all, that

Whereas with thanksgiving to God for His great Providence in all times and in all places, we gather to confirm and celebrate the unity of life and purpose that now exists in fellowship between our two churches; and

Whereas this humble acknowledgement flows from a year of anniversary observance: to wit, in shared prayer, reflection, planning, mutual acknowledgement, teaching, and holy worship, to the glory of our everlasting Father; and

Whereas, 400 years ago, He founded our great commonwealth through the labors and achievements of all who came to the New World, black and white, male and female, young and old; and

Whereas, we further do here express our firm intent to preserve, perfect, and perpetuate those positive values of our common heritage for future generations:

- By establishing this “Chapel in the Woods” as a memorial and a meeting place for all who, under God, love freedom;
- By seeking God’s Grace and by using all earthly means available to build upon that faith, hope, vision, and courage of our forebears;
- By covenanting together to teach, practice, and proclaim God’s love and God’s justice for all persons, for all times, and in all places; and

Whereas, we have been charitably and wisely aided and supported in the rediscovery of these truths and to these actions by the faithful and patient stewardship and treasure of our local government and its leaders and able servants; and

Whereas, because it is His will, grounded in these sober words and in kindred spirit;

Therefore, together we here do stand and make our common purpose, in response to God’s clear command,

- that we love Him and one another in humble awareness of our shared lives; and
- that we pursue God’s peace in the land; and
- that we fold to our hearts our brothers and sisters, following in the steps of His son, Jesus, who said, “A new commandment I give you: that you love one another! As I have loved you, so must you love one another” (John 13:34).

All this we proclaim, vow, and promise, at Jamestown-on-the-Appomattox, in the County of Prince Edward of the Commonwealth of Virginia, on this the day of the Great Armistice and of the memorial of St. Martin of Tours, the patron of Soldiers and Social Justice, the 11th day of November, the two-thousand-and-seventh year of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

SO HELP US GOD!