



INTERFAITH COALITION

Partners in faith. Changing lives.

Membership Covenant

With this covenant, _____
affirms its decision to be a Member
(Name of Congregation)
Congregation of Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County and affirms the mission of
Interfaith Coalition:

Vision

Interfaith Coalition is a community of many faiths working together to eliminate homelessness and poverty in Whatcom County.

Mission

Our member congregations collaborate to fill gaps in human services and to meet housing and other needs of marginalized people.

Values

All people deserve to live in a safe home.

All people have dignity and need to be treated with respect.

Services are offered without regard to religious affiliation.

We respect each person's religious choices and value the power of diverse faiths working together.

We are hands-on in our work together and are primarily funded by our generous community.

As a member of Interfaith Coalition, this congregation will:

- Select a congregational representative who will serve as a liaison between Interfaith Coalition and the congregation. The representative will facilitate communication between Interfaith and the congregation and encourage congregational awareness of the programs, needs, and opportunities for service with Interfaith. A job description for the congregational representative will be provided.
- Consider an annual financial contribution to Interfaith Coalition. This may include special offerings, fundraising events, and responding to special opportunities for giving, such as through participation in the annual auction.
- Send representatives to Interfaith Coalition's annual meeting.
- Notify its members of volunteer opportunities for service with Interfaith Coalition.
- Publicize and participate in Interfaith Coalition activities as appropriate.
- Review periodically our involvement in Interfaith Coalition in affirmation of this covenant.

Interfaith Coalition will:

- Provide regular communications about the status of its projects and programs, including annual reports, newsletters, announcements, and notices of special events.
- Provide informational resources related to human needs within the community, including speakers, group presentations, educational materials, and forums.
- Provide opportunities for volunteer service, financial contribution, and other means of participation in community needs.
- Provide staff assistance upon request by congregations that need direction in their participation in Interfaith Coalition programs.

Declaration

Having accepted a shared commitment to service intended to improve the lives of people in need in our community, and a shared commitment to assist each other in this service, Interfaith Coalition and _____
(Name of congregation)

do on this date formally enter into this covenant relationship.

_____, _____
(Name) (Congregation)

(Date)

_____, Interfaith Coalition
(Name)

(Date)

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