

# **ECUMENICAL COVENANT Of CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN PAIGNTON (Revised on 21 January 2001)**

- (1) **WE REJOICE** and support the work of Christians Together in Devon in this their tenth year.

**WE REJOICE** on this tenth anniversary in our continuing journey together as part of Christians Together in Paignton and our growing partnership as we share at a personal level in worship and consultation.

**WE RECOGNISE** that we have in common many similar responsibilities, joys, problems and hopes, and that we have much to offer and receive from each other in the rich diversity of our traditions, which complement each other.

**WE BELIEVE** that we are being led by the Holy Spirit and that God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, is calling us to greater sharing in His mission to the world.

**WE UNDERTAKE** within the legal framework and procedural requirements and traditional practices of our several denominations:

**TO ENCOURAGE** local co-operation and the setting up of Local Ecumenical Partnerships wherever appropriate.

**TO ACT** together on social issues wherever need and opportunity arise.

**WE INVITE** our congregations to support this covenant to which we now commit ourselves, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- (2) **WE REJOICE** in the growing ecumenical co-operation which is to be seen around this country.
- (3) **WE PLEDGE** ourselves to encourage local churches to participate fully in Christians Together in Paignton as far as conscience will allow recognising that local churches must remain free to make their own commitment to the leading of the Holy Spirit in ecumenical relationships.
- (4) **WE COMMIT** ourselves to our sisters and brothers in Christ in ecumenical relationships.

We the undersigned are pleased to commit ourselves on behalf of the churches in Paignton, to the Ecumenical Covenant contained herein:

**Signed and Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2001 by**

Rev R Adams on behalf of Christ Church

Rev C Tite on behalf of Living Waters

Rev G Chambers on behalf of Goodrington Methodist

Rev J Sanderson on behalf of Paignton Baptist

Rev B Tubbs on behalf of Paignton Parish Church

Rev N Deller on behalf of Palace Avenue Methodist

Rev J Brown on behalf of Preston Baptist

Mrs E B Wyeth on behalf of St Andrew's

Rev R A Searle on behalf of St Boniface Foxhole

Rev D Witchell on behalf of St Paul's, Preston

Rev S Flynn on behalf of Sacred Heart, Roman Catholic

Rev N Deller on behalf of Southfield Methodist

Mrs J Burnham-Richards on behalf of United Reformed, Dartmouth Road  
and subsequently by

Rev G Pestrige on behalf of Roselands Christian Fellowship (undated)