



Covenant between Area Leaders of Churches in South Yorkshire

We believe that the Holy Spirit is leading us into deeper unity, and that God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, is calling us to a greater sharing in our common mission to the world.

We rejoice in the partnership of trust which has grown among us as we have shared personally in worship, prayer, work and consultation over recent years.

We recognise that we have in common many responsibilities, joys, problems and hopes, and that we have much to offer to and receive from each other in the rich diversity of our traditions, as we seek to serve our one Lord.

We undertake, wherever it is desirable and possible, to act together, for the sake of the Kingdom, in:

- practical service and action;
 - evangelism;
 - issues of justice and peace;
- the use of personnel, buildings and resources.

We agree to meet together regularly to:

- further the aims of this Covenant;
- promote local co-operation;
- encourage the formation and support of Local Ecumenical Partnerships;
- enable the work of the local, regional and national bodies of Churches Together.

We invite congregations to support us in this Covenant, to which we now commit ourselves, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

Rt. Revd. John Rawsthorne
Bishop of Roman Catholic Diocese
of Hallam

Rt. Revd. Dr. Steven Croft
Bishop of Anglican Diocese
of Sheffield

Revd. Vernon Marsh
Chair
Sheffield Methodist District

Revd. Kevin Watson
Moderator of Yorkshire Synod
United Reformed Church

Revd. Jane Day
Regional Minister
Yorkshire Baptist Association

Lieut-Colonel William Heeley
Commander, Yorkshire Division
Salvation Army

Pastor Musa Bako
Zonal Pastor
Redeemed Christian Church of God

Revd. Peter Townley
pp **Rt Revd. Stephen Platten**
Bishop of Anglican Diocese of Wakefield

and in the spirit of this Covenant,
Siân Lewis, Balby Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends