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### **Scripture**

Let us hear the message of scripture. There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God who gives ability to each of us. The Spirit's present is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. Christ is like a single body which has many parts. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness. All of us are Christ body, and each one is a part of it. *1 Corinthians 12*

### **Statement of Purpose**

Friends, we celebrate with joy and gratitude that you have been called by God and chosen by the people of Central Queens United Church faith community for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing, an honor and a responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us, with us and on our behalf. We thank you and challenge you to offer your best to God, and to all God's people.

### **Covenant Questions and Promises**

#### *Clerk of Session*

The following persons have been elected by this Faith Community and accepted the office of Elder. Please stand as I speak your name:

As you come to the duties of your office, let us make a covenant before God and with one another.

#### *Elders Stand*

As a disciple of Jesus, the Christ, will you continue to live out your faith with praise and Thanksgiving? Will you carry out your responsibilities as an Elder in this congregation with integrity and joy?

**I will, God being my helper.**

#### *Congregation Stands*

Will you, the members of Central Queens United Church, honour the leadership of these people? Will you assist them through daily prayer, generous support, and personal example, so that, together, we may be a faithful Church of Jesus the Christ?

**We will, God being our helper.**

### **Prayer**

Loving God, you have called these people to serve you. Send your Holy Spirit upon them and upon us all that we may keep the promises we have made today. Help them to fulfill their responsibilities. May their leadership help us all to reflect your love and grace always.

**Amen**

### **Declaration**

In the name of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we recognize and affirm you in your ministry as Elders of Central Queens United Church.

**Amen**