

## BELOVED COMMUNITY

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**Beloved Community: people \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to one another.**

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34 NIV*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:3-11 NIV*

*Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 7, 8 NLT*

## Beloved Community calls us all

**to be \_\_\_\_\_**

**Peacemakers: \_\_\_\_\_**

*Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" Joshua 5:13, 14 NIV*

**Beloved Community \_\_\_\_\_,**

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## Beloved Community is characterized by \_\_\_\_\_

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*"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...Matthew 5:43, 44 NIV*

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*"But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also." Matthew 5:39 NIV*

*"And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well." Matthew 5:40 NIV*

*"If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles." Matthew 5:41 NIV*

*"Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." Matthew 5:42 NIV*

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