



### FRIENDLY VISITOR PLEDGE

*By the grace of God, as a Friendly Visitor of my church, I promise that I will go about my tasks faithfully and gladly. I will be interested, patient and kind, striving to do that which is helpful and avoiding that which might hurt.*

*I pledge to keep all confidences entrusted to me, and whatever I observe in the home I visit, I will keep to myself.*

*I will work in close cooperation with my pastors as a help in the church's ministry of love and caring.*

*I will be a friend to the lonely, a helper to the helpless, a comforter to the sorrowing and strength to the weak, dedicating all that I undertake to the service of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

### FRIENDLY VISITOR COMMITTEE

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## *Friendly Visitor Ministry*



*"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me."*

Matthew 25:40

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God has given us all the gifts to care for one another. The hope of this ministry is that we continue to grow as a warm and loving community where people are cherished and cared for in Jesus Christ.

This is a ministry under the Vision and Governance area of Relational Ministries. Under this ministry there is an umbrella called Congregational Care.

This umbrella includes:

Compassion Care Ministry

Friendly Visitor Ministry

Homebound Ministry

*“Caring is the greatest thing,  
caring matters most.”*

*last words of Frederick von Hagel*



### A VERY SPECIAL KIND OF FRIENDSHIP

*The purpose of the Friendly Visitors Ministry is to bring God’s love into the homes of our church’s extended family – those who cannot make it to worship or who need our extra support; to let those visited know that they are remembered and loved; to share the joy of “living in God’s amazing grace.”*

*There are many ways this ministry is involved in the life of our congregation. When you participate in the Easter Plant ministry, it is part of this ministry. Easter plants go to our home-bound members after Easter services, and that is another example of the vision of the organizers. Flowers go to all members on their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and also to our home-bound members on their birthday. At the celebration of congregation couples’ 50th wedding anniversaries, flowers are also given.*

*We welcome any who would be interested in learning more about this ministry or wanting to be a part of it to please contact the church office.*

### EXPECTATIONS

- *Bring the gifts of your presence to the person you visit, once or twice a month.*
- *Take time to build a trusting relationship.*
- *Pray for the person you visit.*
- *Send a birthday card every year and cards on other occasions as you choose.*
- *At Easter, bring a plant from the altar after the second service.*
- *Communicate with the Friendly Visitor Committee monthly.*
- *Let the Friendly visitor Committee know when you will not be able to visit for a period of time.*