



ReIMAGINING OUR 1630 Covenant

In 1630, First Church in Boston began by people agreeing to a covenant. As a bridge to now, this year we will explore ten questions underlying the historic language as we ask: **“What could it mean to be religious?”**

What could it mean to be ROOTED?

“In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

What could it mean to be FAITHFUL?

and in Obedience to His holy will, and Divine Ordinaunce:

What could it mean to be EMBODIED?

We whose names are here underwritten being by His most wise, and good Providence brought together into this part of America in the Bay of Massachusetts,

What could it mean to be in COMMUNITY?

and desirous to unite our selves into on Congregation, or Church, under the Lord Jesus our Head,

What could it mean to seek WHOLENESS in a cracked and broken world?

in such sort as becometh all whom He hath Redeemed, and Sanctified to Himselfe,

What could it mean to live with INTENTION?

doe hereby solemnly, and religiously (as is His most holy Presence) Promisse, and bind our selves,

What could it mean to put faith into everyday ACTIONS?

to walke in all our ways according to the Rule of the Gospell, and in all sincere Conformity to His holy Ordinaunces,

What could it mean to LOVE each others?

and in mutuall love, and respect each to other,

What could it mean to ask for HELP?

so neere as God shall give us grace.”