

STATEMENT OF DIVERSITY AND UNITY

MBF both believes in and practices the Biblical doctrine of Imago Dei, which teaches that all people, regardless of race, gender, varying degrees of physical ability, or socioeconomic class are created in the image of God. Therefore, a biblical understanding of diversity celebrates the value of all human beings as image-bearers of God with God-given worth and dignity. Imago Dei extends to people of other faiths and to those whose viewpoints or beliefs are hostile to Christianity; therefore, all people are to be treated with respect and dignity. The Bible further calls us to live with one another in unity and peace. Recognizing that unity is not uniformity and based on the diversity that we witness in the body of Christ, we are committed to live out the unifying power of the Gospel.