

9.1.1 Act of Commitment (1967/1982)

In 1967

The Anglican Church
The Associated Churches of Christ
The Congregational Union of New Zealand
The Methodist Church of New Zealand
The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

entered into a solemn commitment set out in the Act of Commitment, 1967 and reaffirmed this act in 1984.

In our faith in Jesus Christ as our one Lord and Saviour, and in our concern to serve His mission to the world, we now commit ourselves in common obedience to Him and offer to Him our utmost endeavours that by the Holy Spirit we may be brought into one church according to His will, to the glory of God the Father,

We affirm that in this church, as essential to its life, there will be found:

The Word of God in the Holy Scriptures as the supreme rule of faith and life

The historic faith as expressed in the Apostle's and Nicene Creeds

A faithful preaching of the Gospel

The divinely instituted sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion

A ministry acknowledged by the whole church

A life ordered by the Holy Spirit in worship, godly discipline, humble service and living fellowship.

With the obedience we offer, we acknowledge our obligation to receive new insights and now to do together many of the things, which in the past we have, done separately.