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Values are important and lasting beliefs or ideals shared by the members of a culture about what is good and bad and desirable and undesirable. Values have a major influence on a person's attitude and behaviour and serve as a broad guideline in all situations.

(www.businessdictionary.com/definitions/values.html)

Commitments are a pledge, or promise or obligation.

(www.dictionary.com/browse/commitments)

Anglicare's Values of **Compassion, Integrity, Dignity** and **Inclusiveness** reflect the life and character of Jesus who had compassion on all but especially for the poor and vulnerable; lived a life of absolute Integrity of love and sacrificial giving; afforded dignity to all; and who sought to include all people but especially the poor and the vulnerable.

Sanctuary Commitments of **Non-Violence, Social Responsibility, Democracy, Emotional Intelligence, Growth and Change, Social Learning** and **Open Communication** align with Anglicare's core values and are the pledges, promises and obligations that we commit to and are the observable outcomes of our Anglicare values.

The image of the tree

We have chosen to represent the relationship of Sanctuary Commitment and Anglicare Values visually with a tree whose life depends upon its system of roots deeply embedded in the soil and whose leaves and branches draw on that base to transform the surroundings with beauty and food and oxygen and shelter and life to any that come to the tree.

(*John 15:1-8 and Psalm 1*).

The Anglicare Prayer

God grant us the compassion to care deeply for others; the wisdom to discern how best to help; the energy to transform emotion into action; and the joy of wholehearted, loving service. For Christ's sake. Amen.

