

## Scripture Readings on Unity in the Church

As you begin your meeting, let the following Scripture passages guide your prayers for your church family, for instituting change, and especially for the children in your congregation.

I Corinthians 1:10 “I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.”

Colossians 3:12-14 “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.<sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.<sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

I John 4:7-12 “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.<sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.<sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.<sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.<sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”