

# WELCOMING JESUS and OUR CHILDREN

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Jesus invites us to receive him in the joyful and holy ministry of welcoming children, saying, "Whoever welcomes a little child in my name, welcomes me," (Matt 18:5). He himself was welcomed in the Temple as a tiny infant and as a curious youth. His life shows us that children are WELCOMED, LOVED, VULNERABLE, SPIRITUALLY SENSITIVE, SPONTANEOUS, and TRUSTING.

Claiming the preciousness of all God's children, and practicing our belovedness, Fellowship of Hope embraces the commitment to make our *gatherings* and *spaces* safe environments for the nurture of children and youth entrusted to us.

In order to be proactive in the safe care of our children and youth, as we guide them in the Way of Jesus, we have drawn on the Dove's Nest\* resources. Our commitments and detailed safety policy are found in the following documents.

*Children's Formation Group*

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