STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

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Eastside Community Church is committed to teaching and upholding the historic, orthodox Christian faith as revealed in the Bible. This commitment shapes our care and teaching and provides an objective basis for the value of each human being as an image bearer of God.

Flowing out of this, we believe that a commitment to safe ministry spaces is grounded in the truth that all people are created in the image of God. In particular, the Church is committed to the care for the vulnerable and acknowledges God's special concern for the poor, the marginalised and the oppressed.

Every person is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) and should be treated and cared for in a way that reflects the value God has created each person with. For this reason, we are committed to providing a safe environment for every person attending one of our ministries. We believe that child safety is not simply a legal requirement but a reflection of the Gospel.

Eastside Community Church is committed to being a safe ministry space for all and will provide a supportive environment by:

- Ensuring staff and volunteers are appropriately screened and trained and behave in a manner that resembles and represents Christ's attitude and approach.
- Providing safe environments and ministries that promote spiritual, social, and physical safety and personal growth and development.
- Promoting a culture of safety throughout the Church, constantly communicating, and reinforcing our commitment across all aspects of ministries and activities.

We have zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children, young people and vulnerable adults and are committed to actively seeking to prevent this abuse and harm. This includes maintaining an open and aware culture, treating all concerns and allegations raised seriously, not minimising the impact of abuse and harm on the victim, and promptly responding to all concerns and allegations.

Eastside Community Church is dedicated to providing safe spaces for everyone and is committed to fulfilling our responsibilities under the eight Mandatory Requirements of a child and youth risk management strategy as set out by the Queensland Government Blue Card Services.