**Affirmation of New Members**

**& The Right Hand of Fellowship**

Jean Chinigo, Church Moderator: Today, with great joy, we welcome six new members into our church family. As Jon and Amy Burdeshaw, Jean Cook, Janet & Tyrone Mellon, and Margaret Shigo-Zembko are willing to make a commitment to this Christian community, we are mindful that we, as a congregation, also enter into this commitment with them. As you receive them, do you promise before God and in their presence to offer them your love, support and encouragement as they grow in their Christian life and

commitment?

**The Congregation shall answer: We do.**

Jean: Will you both challenge them and be challenged by them? Will you

listen as they share their dreams and visions with you?

**The Congregation shall answer: We will.**

Jean: For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ

according to the grace given to us. Jon & Amy, Jean, Janet & Tyrone and Margaret, do you promise to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ and to serve

him gladly in this congregation?

***Jon & Amy, Jean, Janet & Tyrone and Margaret: We do.***

Jean: Will you share with us your gifts, your talents, who you are so that together we might do the work of God?

***Jon & Amy, Jean, Janet & Tyrone and Margaret: We will.***

Pastor Sharon will offer a prayer.

Jean: In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of this congregation, we welcome you into the membership of this church and extend to you the right hand of fellowship.