**Hampden Mennonite Church Covenant**

We, the members of Hampden Mennonite Church, abide by the *1963 Mennonite Confession of Faith, Including Keystone Mennonite Fellowship Supplements*. In addition, we hold to the following clarifications:

**SYMBOLS OF CHRISTIAN ORDER**

**p. 15: We believe that both brethren and sisters should avoid vain display and worldly fads in hair styles.**

We understand dyeing, curling, or waving the hair to be included in the description “vain display and worldly fads.”

**DISCIPLESHIP AND NONCONFORMITY**

**p. 16: We believe that their adornment should be a beauty of spirit, expressed in attire that is modest, economical, simple, and becoming to those professing Christian faith. (supporting verses 1 Peter 3:3, 4.)**

**p. 17: We believe in the distinction of the sexes in dress. Our sisters shall wear dresses which are of simple design and of modest length and cut.**

We understand “modest” to mean clothing that is not form fitting, covers the body, and does not sensually draw attention to the body, as exemplified by the phrase “long, loose and layered.” Since dresses are prescribed, slacks for women are therefore excluded as an outer garment.

We believe character is revealed both by conduct and appearance. Brothers and sisters shall not wear jewelry (including wedding rings) and shall avoid all forms of makeup and nail polish. They also shall not acquire tattoos. Brothers shall not wear neckties or bowties.

**p. 18: To assist in upholding these principles we ask members to install filtering on all internet devices where it is possible, and strongly suggest that it also include accountability reporting to other members in the church.**

We ask that computers be located in such a place that they can easily be observed by others present. In general, an “open door” policy should be observed. We strongly suggest that members have an accountability relationship with another member with respect to use of internet and media.