

# Churches Together in Leicestershire and Trichy Diocese, Church of South India

## Document of Mutual Commitment

### **Our joint understanding:**

- 1. We all belong to a church created by God for his purpose, which exists for mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim and work for the coming of the Kingdom.**
- 2. We are enriched by insights and challenges from each others culture**
- 3. We need the mutual support and encouragement of each other**
- 4. Our accountability within the family of Christ means we affirm the need to be transparent, caring, trusting, being ready to speak truth in love.**
- 5. We are called to give and receive, of our skills, experience, spirituality and material resources, challenging our insularity.**
- 6. We each live as minorities within multi-religious and secular societies and can learn from each other about the implications of this for the Christian life and gospel.**
- 7. We are at different places on our ecumenical journey, but we pledge ourselves to move forward in theology and practise, encouraged and challenged by each other.**
- 8. We commit ourselves to learning about our respective churches in the social, cultural and economic context in which they are places, as essential for an understanding of the mission of the church.**
- 9. We commit ourselves to pray and share news with each other on a regular basis, enabling us to share each other's joys and sorrows, opening us up to fresh insights.**

Signed in Leicester Cathedral, September 2002

by the Bishop of Trichy, Bishop of Leicester, Chair of Churches Together in Leicestershire etc.

