

## Theological Presuppositions

Through prayer, conversation, and careful discernment, grounding ourselves in Scripture as well as the Book of Confessions and our reformed heritage, we affirm the following guidelines as we plan and prepare for the Tip of the Iceberg retreat.

1. We know, experience, and follow God who has created us and loves us. As One in Three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God lives and reigns together in community. As beloved children of God we live in community as well. Living in community we know that our actions do not occur in a vacuum, they have effects on those who live around us.
2. As beloved children of God, we are a part of God's entire creation; a creation that God calls good. In our birth and first breathing, while we are still being knit in our mother's womb, we are being loved, cared for, and called good by our Creator. It is this goodness that we affirm together.
3. God is love. We know and experience God's love through Jesus Christ, God's only Son. As Christ laid down his life for us, we know the fullness of God's love and grace. As God's beloved children, called good, we are to then share that love we have experienced with others. In the communities we find ourselves in, as well as with all of God's creation, we are first and foremost called to love.