ACT OF COVENANTING
BETWEEN
METHODIST ECUMENICAL OFFICE ROME
AND
THE CARAVITA COMMUNITY

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
Hebrews 10:23-25 (NRSVue)

"One, holy, catholic, apostolic" Nicene Creed

The Methodist Ecumenical Office Rome is the representation office in Rome of the World Methodist Council – the Christian world communion of Methodist and Wesleyan churches. The Methodist Ecumenical Office Rome (MEOR), formally established in 2014, is committed to be a channel of dialogue with other churches in the search for a deeper unity; to foster relationships with other agencies and faith communities in order to promote better understanding and joint action for justice and peace; to offer a ministry of prayer and reflection, of learning and growth; and to be a place of open hospitality to Methodists and all visitors to Rome. MEOR seeks to journey toward Christian unity to all Christian confessions, churches, and church-related bodies based in Rome and has a particular mission to develop relations with the Catholic Church and the Holy See. MEOR also supports the ministry of the Joint Theological Dialogue Commission between the World Methodist Council and the Roman Catholic Church, also known as the Methodist-Roman Catholic International Commission.

The Caravita Community, founded in 2000, is an international, English-speaking group of Catholic Christians who celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays at 11.00 and major holy days at the Oratory of San Francesco Saverio "del Caravita". While not a parish, as a Catholic liturgical community, Caravita is committed to ecumenism and interreligious dialogue, providing a welcoming and inclusive liturgical experience, with a particular concern for those alienated from the Church. Caravita is located at Via del Caravita, 7.

Since 2014, the Caravita Community and the Methodist Ecumenical Office Rome have fostered a warm and abiding relationship, built on mutual respect, prayer, and commitment to ecumenism. This relationship witnesses to the spiritual communion already shared in the Triune God and deepens the journey shared by Methodist churches and the Catholic Church.

The Methodist Ecumenical Office Rome and the Caravita Community are committed to building relationships with Christians of all confessions.

To this end, we

1. *Acknowledge our common Christian faith as revealed in Scripture and professed in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.*
2. *Recognize each other's baptisms into Christ's holy Church.*
3. *Affirm our mutual call to the mission of the Church and the pursuit of Christian unity.*
4. *Commit ourselves to be co-workers with Christ in promoting and working for the unity of the Church.*
5. *Declare our mutual support and promotion of our works.*

In order to assist each other in our missions, where appropriate, we agree to:

6. *provide a link to each other's web pages on our respective websites;*
7. *promote and publicize each other's programs, events, and worship;*
8. *encourage members to consider occasional attendance for worship at the other institution, especially during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity;*
9. *provide opportunities to preach;*
10. *remember the other church and its leaders and our relations in our prayers, especially during worship;*
11. *share our respective spaces where possible for special events that may benefit from the other community's available space;*
12. *maintain communication between the groups when new developments in one or other of our Churches have implications, cause for celebrations, or challenges for the other.*

We agree to joint activities that may be mutually beneficial and may include but not limited to:

13. *a joint liturgy of the word and imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, hosted by Caravita;*
14. *a joint lessons and carols for Christmas, hosted by Caravita;*
15. *the hosting of installation and farewell services are to be welcomed by the respective entities, as appropriate;*
16. *participation in events of the Methodist Ecumenical Office Rome;*
17. *participation in meetings and events of Churches Together in Rome;*
18. *participation and collaboration in the annual Caravita Ecumenical Lenten Retreat, held in Orvieto;*
19. *joint organization of concerts, cultural events, lectures, and other initiatives;*
20. *joint organization of an event in the format of 'conversazione' with a Methodist theologian and/or significant Methodist church leader;*
21. *organize fundraising initiatives to support joint activities and works, which may be stand-alone event or conducted through any of the above-mentioned activities, as appropriate;*
22. *participate in the week of Prayer for Christian unity, marking it through organization of joint events and liturgies, as required.*

We agree to maintain and monitor this Covenant by

23. *an annual meeting between the entities, alternating hosts, at which an annual report of covenant-related activities will be drawn up and shared with respective stakeholders;*
24. *a general review of the Covenant that will take place every three years, with a brief report distributed to respective stakeholders;*
25. *a small working committee comprised of the MEOR director and convenor(s) of the Caravita Pastoral Council to monitor and organize the activities stipulated in the Covenant.*

signed on Sunday, January 25th, 2026 in Rome

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