

Credo of Peoplehood and Jewish Responsibility - 1975

We affirm anew in our generation the covenant which God made with Moses on Sinai, that we are and shall be a Holy People. From this covenant of peoplehood comes our Judaic genius for community, and from our Prophets the never-ending call to social justice. So do we assume the mantle of our responsibilities for ourselves as we adopt at each convention our resolutions of social concern, and as we embrace into the community the aged and the young, the strong and the infirm, the single person and the family, the rich and the poor.

In an era of transition, we believe that secular forces may be infused with spiritual values, that the alienated may find connectedness with others, and that the loneliness of isolation may be overcome by community. As we believe in our active participation in the concerns of K'lal Yisrael and all humanity, we also resolve to strengthen ourselves and our people through Jewish education, through maintaining the sanctity of marriage, through nurturing children of Jewish faith, and through adherence to the religious mandate of Rabbi Hillel: "Separate not thyself from the congregation."

Thus, in this spirit, do we in convention assembled in Dallas, Texas, in November, 1975, Kislev 5736, spread upon the record of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods our statements which seek to inform and educate, to intensify understanding and to lead to action our Sisterhoods, District Federations and members.