

# **TABLE'S DOMESTIC ABUSE CHARTER**

- 1. We understand domestic abuse to be the abuse of a person physically, sexually, psychologically, spiritually, emotionally, socially or financially within an intimate or family-type relationship, which forms a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour.**
- 2. We believe that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable, and irreconcilable with the Christian faith and a Christian way of living.**
- 3. We accept that domestic abuse is a serious problem, which occurs in church families as well as in wider society.**
- 4. We undertake to listen to, support, and care for those affected by domestic abuse.**
- 5. We will always place the safety of people affected by domestic abuse as the highest priority.**
- 6. We will work with domestic abuse support agencies, learn from them, and support them in appropriate ways. We will also publicise the work of these agencies.**
- 7. We believe in a God of love, justice, mercy, and forgiveness.**
- 8. We affirm that all people are equal and made in God's image. We affirm that domestic abuse is sinful.**
- 9. We will look to communicate these beliefs through our services and other work.**
- 10. We will seek to appoint advisors to encourage the use of good practice guidelines, and to keep the church informed about the implementation and development of these guidelines.**