

◆ A Pittsburgh Creed ◆

We believe that our past is one of work and craft. In our homes and workshops, we have put our minds to plans and our hands to tools, at the ready with our effort. We have learned the job, and we have found the skills, and we have built things for both ourselves and others with the same sweat and care. At the end of our day, the rest is easier when the work has been done, and the work has been done well.

We believe that the shape of our lives is a reasonable size. We live close in valleys, bordered by forest and river, and we perch on hilltops, small proud spaces in the big sky. Our travels are careful: we know how far is too far, and while we venture to any end of the earth, we steep ourselves most in where we call home. We know the names of our neighbors, and we know the names of the people who sell us milk and bread, and we learn the names of the people who stop us because they need directions.

We believe that we will be neighbors. We know it can be hard to meet in each other's spaces, but it is alright to try. We know that we can be too careful with those who want to meet us, but we hope they will be patient. We know that at the end of the day that we are in this together, and that together is the only real way we can be better at what we can do.

We believe that the work is hard, but we can help, and we can get it done.