



CHURCH COVENANT

OUR COMMON COMMITMENTS AS A CHURCH

Having been blessed by the grace of God and led by the Spirit of God, to receive Jesus Christ as the Lord, Saviour, and supreme Treasure of our lives, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this church, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

Unless providentially hindered, we will therefore not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but faithfully attend this church's meetings for worship, prayer, study, and fellowship; to participate in the ordinances - Baptism and the Lord's Table - of the church and to use our spiritual gifts for the common good of the church.

We will, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, walk together in Christian love to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and peace; to pray for and promote its spirituality and fruitfulness; to welcome all instruction from the Scriptures by the leaders of this church which accord with the elder's affirmation of faith, rejecting all heretical teaching and practices, seeking to grow toward biblical unity in the truth.

We will strive by God's grace and power to live as Christ in the world; denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts as we seek to fulfil our calling to lead a holy life and be salt and light in our city, abiding by the biblical standards of sexual purity, ethical integrity, and spiritual fidelity, all the while eagerly longing and waiting for our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will submit to the church's discipline upon ourselves and lovingly assume our responsibility to participate in the discipline of other members, as taught in Scripture.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer especially our leaders; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian compassion in affections and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, mindful of the commands of our Saviour to secure it without delay and work to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We also resolve to practice personal and family devotions; to educate and train our children in the Christian faith; to support the efforts of the church to prepare the next generation to put their confidence in God; to seek the salvation of our family, friends, neighbours, co-workers, acquaintances, and of all the world.

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, the cause of reformation and revival, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We will treat members of the opposite sex with respect, upholding the God-given dignity of each gender, the honour due for the institution of marriage and the need to be culturally appropriate witnesses for Christ in our city.

We also promise that if under the leading of God, we move from this city or leave this church, we will diligently seek to unite with a likeminded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant.