

THE CHURCH COVENANT

To Be Read Responsively:

LEADER: Let us recite together the Scripture upon which this Covenant is based.

PEOPLE: “And they entered into a Covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul.” —II Chronicles 15:12

LEADER: What common experience leads us into spiritual fellowship and covenant relations with God and one another?

PEOPLE: Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

LEADER: By what pledge do we promise to turn from the ways of the world?

PEOPLE: We promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit to forsake the paths of sin, and to walk in the ways of holiness all the days of our lives.

LEADER: What are some of the privileges and duties in this our church?

PEOPLE: With this view, we engage to strive together for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines.

LEADER: What vows do we gladly make as stewards of that which God has entrusted to us?

PEOPLE: To contribute cheerfully, by tithing, as taught in the Bible for the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel throughout all nations.

LEADER: For the sake of our home and loved ones, what tasks do we humbly assume?

PEOPLE: We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.

LEADER: For the sake of the unsaved for whom Christ died, to what manner of life and conversation are we solemnly pledged?

PEOPLE: To walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, and to oppose all unloving acts and attitudes in all walks of Life toward any of God’s children, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

LEADER: Since one is our master, even Christ, and we are all sisters and brothers, by what ministries are we to strengthen each other and adorn the teachings of our Lord and Savior?

PEOPLE: We further agree to walk together in Christian love and watchfulness, giving and receiving admonition with meekness and affection, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

LEADER: For the good of our own spiritual development and for the best interest of the Master's kingdom, what do we promise to do if we move beyond the reach of this church?

PEOPLE: We, moreover, engage that, when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

ALL: Humbly confessing our past sins, we pray for grace and strength to keep these, our holy vows, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN