

Article 5 - Church Covenant

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- 2 Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord
- 3 and Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father,
- 4 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
- 5 We do now in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into
- 6 covenant with one another as one body in Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12);
- 7 We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love (Ephesians
- 8 5:2);
- 9 To strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort (Philippians
- 10 1:27; Isaiah 51:7,12);
- 11 To wholly commit to seek the salvation of the lost and to be ambassadors for Christ on Earth
- 12 (Luke 19:10);
- 13 To promote its health and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, doctrines, and
- 14 discipline (Romans 12:6–8);
- 15 To not forsake the practice of gathering together as a body (Hebrews 10:25);
- 16 To promote a church of “every tribe, tongue, and nation” (Revelation 5:9–10), reflective of the
- 17 kingdom of heaven (Acts 10:34);
- 18 To commit ourselves to willful submission to the authorities of leadership within the church
- 19 (Hebrews 13:17);
- 20 To recognize the church’s sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin (Colossians
- 21 1:15–16);
- 22 To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the
- 23 church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel throughout all nations (2
- 24 Corinthians 9:7);
- 25 We also strive to maintain family and personal devotions; to educate our children; to seek the
- 26 salvation of our kindred and acquaintances (Proverbs 22:6);
- 27 To walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and
- 28 exemplary in our deportment (Psalm 112:5);
- 29 To avoid all tattling, backbiting, gossiping, and sinful anger (Psalm 37:8; Proverbs 16:28; 1
- 30 Timothy 5:13 Ephesians 4:26);
- 31 To use our influence to combat the abuse of drugs and alcohol and the spread of pornography
- 32 and other practices which lead to moral and spiritual decay (2 Timothy 3:1–5);
- 33 We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love (Romans 12:10);
- 34 To remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate
- 35 Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech (James 5:15–18);

1 To be slow to take offense, and to always be ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of
2 our Savior to secure it without delay (James 1:19);

3 We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite
4 with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of
5 God's Word (Hebrews 10:25).

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