

## Church Covenant

**THE COVENANT:** The covenant of the Church, expressive of the hopes and purposes according to which its members should earnestly strive to live, is as follows:

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the public profession of our faith, having been baptized 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 assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

**(1). For the Advancement of This Church** - We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive 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.

**(2). As Christian Stewards** - To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

**(3). Alone and at Home** - We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to educate our children in the Christian faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance.

**(4). Before the World** - 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; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

**(5). Towards One Another** - We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; 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 the Savior, to secure it without delay.

**(6). When We Move** – 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.