



ministry covenant

Having accepted Jesus Christ as my forgiver and leader, and in recognition of God's covenant toward us, I understand and agree to the content of this Ministry Covenant. I resolve to minister within Spruce Hills Community Church and within the world as a follower of Jesus Christ, under God, and according to Scripture. The following statements help to further define my commitment.

I. I will protect the unity of Spruce Hills Community Church

- by acting in love toward other members
- by refusing to gossip
- by following leadership
- by being supportive of Spruce Hills Community Church Statement of Faith
- by complying with Spruce Hills Community Church Constitution and By-laws.

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." (Romans 14:19)

"Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart." (1 Peter 1:22)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." (Ephesians 4:29)

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." (Hebrews 13:17)

II. I will share the growth of Spruce Hills Community Church

- by praying for its growth
- by inviting unchurched to attend
- by warmly welcoming those who visit

"To the church — We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." (1 Thessalonians 1:1-2)

"The Master said to the servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full.'" (Luke 13:23)

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church. Just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." (Romans 15:7)

III. I will serve the ministry of Spruce Hills Community Church by discovering my gifts and talents

- by actively involving myself in ministry
- by being equipped to serve with my pastors^a by developing a servant's heart
- by ministering in cooperation with others in the Body of Christ
- by supporting, through prayer and affirmation, others' gifts and ministries.

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you." (1 Thessalonians 1:1-2)

"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up." (Ephesians 4:11-12)

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus; Who... [took on] the very nature of a servant." (Philippians 2:3-4, 7)

IV. I will support the testimony of Spruce Hills Community Church

- by attending faithfully
- by living a godly life (applying the Biblical principles in all aspects of my life)
- by keeping a regular, personal quiet time of Bible reading and prayer and regularly confessing my sins before God.
- by giving regularly
- by abstaining from any act or attitude that is counter-productive to the purposes of Spruce Hills Community Church or its ministries.

"Let us not give up meeting together... but let us encourage one another." (Hebrews 10:25)

"Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." (Philippians 1:27)

"Each one of you, on the first day of the week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." (1 Corinthians 10:2)

"A tenth (of all) your produce...is the Lord's and is holy." (Lev. 27:30)

I understand that Spruce Hills Community Church is responsible for the welfare of any person entrusted to my care, and thus I will cooperate fully with the staff in the fulfillment of my duties and will keep all information I encounter in my role as Ministry Leader, confidential. If, at any time, I find that for any reason I am unable to support the policies, procedures, or doctrines of Spruce Hills Community Church, I will gracefully and quietly resign my position.

If I fail to live a life consistent with God's word so that my witness, the reputation of the Name of Christ and/or the integrity of Spruce Hills Community Church is compromised, I will withdraw from my position of ministry and submit to a process of restoration.

Name: (Please Print): _____

Sign: _____

Date: _____