

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by Divine grace, to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and accept him as our Saviour, and believing that the interests of His Kingdom require our united efforts, we do therefore adopt the following as our Church Covenant:

That we will exercise a mutual care, as members, one of another—striving to keep the unity of Spirit in the bonds of peace—to promote the growth of the whole Body in Christian knowledge, holiness and comfort; and to labor together by prayer, precept and example, for the salvation of sinners.

We agree to exert our influence for the maintenance of the public and social worship of God and the ordinances of His house, holding constant communication with each other therein; and we will also contribute of our substance, according to our ability and circumstances, for the support of a faithful Ministry, and all other necessary expenses of the Church.

We who are heads of families will maintain prayer in our households; we will also maintain secret prayer, and to the utmost of our ability we will endeavor to train our children, and those under us, for usefulness in the world, in the service of Christ, and the enjoyment of Heaven.

We agree to attend, to the utmost of our power, the Sabbath, Conference, Prayer and other Meetings of the Church. In every Conference Meeting we attend, we will report ourselves to the Church, and in no meeting will we wilfully grieve the Holy Spirit of God; we will labor for the prosperity of the Church and its upbuilding in the most holy faith—not forsaking it in adversity, but bear each other's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

We will attend to the ordinance of the Lord's Supper as we may have opportunity, or as it may be administered by those over us in the Lord.

We will not use intoxicating drinks ourselves, nor allow them to be used in our families, nor furnish them for persons in our employment, except for medical, chemical or mechanical purposes. We will not buy nor sell these articles, nor give our influence for the traffic in them, only for the purposes above named.

We covenant and agree that we will love all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ; that we will avoid all vain extravagance and sinful conformity to the world, and will abstain from all sinful amusements, as theatres, dances, gambling, and from all vain festivals; and will refrain from all unchaste and profane conversation, and from the reading of wicked and corrupting publications.

We will walk circumspectly towards those who are without, that the cause of God may not be reproached on our account; and will strive to promote those enterprises which have for their object its advancement—among which are Sabbath Schools, Bible Societies, Missions, and Education.

And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to join the glorified around the throne of God, in ascribing blessing, and honor, and glory and power, unto Him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

We agree to the annexed usages as guiding to our faith in doctrine, and our practice in Church government.

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