

Community Harvest Church Covenant

We, the members of Community Harvest Church, having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with one another before God by the power of the Holy Spirit, the aid of prayer and the instruction of the Holy Scriptures to:

Be family; to be committed to each other; to love, accept, and forgive each other until death or God's call causes us to part.

To strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our hearts, prayers and services; to sustain its worship, discipline and teaching; to contribute cheerfully and regularly as God has prospered us toward its expenses for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will work hard to avoid a contentious spirit, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; we will cheerfully and graciously follow the decisions of church leadership and recognize the right of the majority to govern.

To maintain family and private devotions; to study diligently the Word of God; to educate our children in the ways of the Lord Jesus Christ; to seek the salvation of our family, friends and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those we employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

Live in Jesus Christ and take His commands seriously.

Help one another grow toward Christian maturity, bearing one another's burdens, encouraging one another, exhorting one another, praying for one another, confessing our sins to one another, speaking the truth in love to one another, admonishing one another, building up one another in love, teaching one another, comforting one another, submitting to one another, serving one another, patiently bearing with one another, being hospitable to one another, greeting one another, living in peace with one another, regarding one another as more important than ourselves, caring for one another, exercising our spiritual gifts to serve one another, being kind and tenderhearted to one another, being devoted to one another, accepting one another, forgiving one another, loving one another.

We invite fellow members to pray for us, teach us, correct us, or rebuke us, if necessary, in a spirit of gentleness and humility should we stray from our Lord's commands, because the thing we desire most in life is to serve Christ. We voluntarily submit ourselves to one another and to the discipline of the church. Such discipline will always be for the loving purpose of restoration—restoration to fellowship with God and with the covenant community—and it will always be done in accordance with Matthew 18:15–22.

Bring honor to the body of Christ by maintaining a good testimony.

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We enter into this covenant because we have the common purpose of obeying Jesus Christ, and because we believe that we need one another's help to do this. As believers, and disciples of Jesus Christ, we have entered into a covenant relationship with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—with the God who revealed Himself in Jesus. Since the blessings and promises of the covenant have been freely extended and given to us, out of wonder, love, thanksgiving, and reverence, we hereby accept and take up the covenant responsibilities that go with such a privilege. This is our reasonable service, and we should do nothing less. God help us all! We rely on His grace and hold fast to His promise that there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Adopted at Lincoln, Nebraska, this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Director

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