

Lord, we know that we are imperfect and as imperfect people we know we will not be able to perfectly keep the commitments made in this covenant. We ask for Your strength, however, to obey and fulfill these things to best of our ability in light of the grace available to us. We agree to submit to any corrections or disciplines from Your hand that come with violations of Your law (Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2). Be with us, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; On the third day rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come in body and glory to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy universal church, The communion of the saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting.

Amen.

## **Relational**

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- We commit to seek the Lord to become one with one another in accordance with Jesus' prayer to the Father in John 17:21; and that we will live and adjust our lives accordingly as the Lord gives us light and grace to become one in heart, mind, purpose and deed.

- John 17
- Psalm 133
- Romans 15:5
- Ephesians 4:2-5

- We agree to remain sexually pure in whatever arena of life the Lord has us in: whether singleness, married life or celibacy.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:3

- Hebrews 13:4
- 1 Corinthians 6:13, 10:8
- Ephesians 5:3

- We agree to be men and women of our word; working hard to fulfill all commitments we make and fulfilling the words that come from our mouths as to best represent the Lord and to not take advantage of one another.

- Matthew 5:37
- Ecclesiastes 5:4

- We agree to make all effort on our part to maintain relationship with all those around us, especially in the community, in accordance with Jesus' commands in Matthew 18 and Paul in Ephesians 4:25-27.

- Matthew 18
- Ephesians 4:25-27

- We agree to submit our lives to one another; living in the light and laying our plans and life courses before one other, in humility, out of reverence for Christ.

- Ephesians 5:21
- Philippians 2:3
- Matthew 23:11
- Luke 22:26

- We agree to deny ourselves our 'rights,' 'demands' and wants; pick up our cross and follow Jesus in serving our brothers and our sisters.

- Matthew 16:24-25

- Luke 9:23
- Luke 14:25-27
- Mark 8:34
- Philippians 2:1-8

### **Authority-**

- We agree to submit to the community authority in humility and out of reverence to Christ

- Hebrews 13:17
- Romans 13:1
- 1 Peter 2:13

- -- We agree to submit to one another, in love.

- Philippians 2:3-4
- Ephesians 5:21

### **Financial**

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- We commit to support each other (individually, familial, & communally) financially so that no one in the community is in need while others have abundance.

- Acts 2:44-45
- Acts 4:34
- James 2:16

- We commit to live a life of generosity (individually, familial, & communally), taking all we have and sowing it into the Kingdom of God, especially in the care of the poor, orphans & widows.

- James 1:27
- 2 Corinthians 8:9-15
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-15