

Covenant of Membership

In the midst of this congregation, O God, today I covenant with you to:

1. Accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
2. Honor your written Word as my authority for life and faith, interpreting the Scriptures in light of the life and teachings of Jesus.*
3. Give prayerful attention to following Jesus' example and teachings, opening myself daily to the grace and truth of Christ as your Spirit enables me.
4. Consciously enter your presence in regular times of Bible study, meditation and prayer; and join with brothers and sisters in regular gathered worship.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, today I covenant with you to:

5. Use my spiritual gifts in this body of Christ and in the congregation's ministries in the neighborhood, city and world.
6. Be mutually accountable, that we may enable each other to follow Christ in our daily lives; and when we have conflicts to resolve them according to the teachings of Jesus.**
7. Make this congregation a priority in my life, committing my resources—time, money and talents—giving as God makes me prosper.
8. Intentionally call forth and support diversity in leadership.

As sisters and brothers in this fellowship, O God, today we jointly covenant with you to:

9. Witness in word and deed, in our homes and in public, to the present and future kingdom of God revealed in Jesus Christ.
10. Faithfully support the congregation's servants in ministries near and far through prayer, communication, and material gifts, opening ourselves to service in your name, wherever you may lead.

*In this, I will use the *1995 Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective* as my general guide to interpreting the Scriptures.

**Matthew 18:15-22.

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