

Litany – Congregational Covenant

1. Believing that God's love and forgiveness is poured out upon the world and extends to all who will receive it, and that Jesus calls us to repentance and faith in him as Savior and Lord,

We covenant to confess our sin, receive the love and mercy of God through Christ, thus being reconciled to an open loving relationship to the God the Father.
2. Believing that God alone is worthy of our praise and worship,

We covenant to offer our praises and adoration to the Lord almighty, both in our personal lives and corporate celebration.
3. Believing that God through Christ invites each person into a personal loving relationship, that the Holy Spirit reveals the Father and his heart to us,

We covenant to regularly open ourselves in prayer and listening to the Spirit, that we may come to know the fullness of God's love and be completely filled with the nature of God.
4. Believing that God has revealed himself in history through people, particularly Jesus Christ, as recorded in the Bible,

We covenant to diligently study the Bible, asking the Holy Spirit to show us how it applies to ourselves and to our world, and then be willing to do the will of God.
5. Believing that Jesus calls us to follow him together with others, becoming strongly connected as body parts are connected to one another,

We covenant to being part of a cell group and any other part of this congregation and beyond as the Lord directs.
6. Believing that spiritual growth, maturity and healing comes in relationship to others,

We covenant to both receive and give encouragement and correction, speaking the truth in love and understanding, to the end that the fruits of the Spirit may be manifest in our lives.
7. Believing that God has given each person gifts by which to resource the mission of the Church,

We covenant to grow in our understanding of our own gifting and that of others, to offer them, and to ask the Holy Spirit to empower us for the building of the Church.

8. Believing that all the things we have come from and belong to God, that Scriptures warn against selfishness, greed, and materialism, that we are to reinvest these resources for God,

We covenant to tithe of our income, setting goals and taking steps toward offering back to God 10% and more, where God blesses us beyond our needs, to the end that God's purposes may be accomplished in the world.

9. Believing that God's love and mercy extends to all humanity, that we are called to proclaim through word and action that God is among us,

We covenant to share and demonstrate God's love both personally and corporately, actively inviting persons to receive God's love, and follow Jesus as Lord and Savior.

10. Believing that God as Creator, has given Jesus authority over everything, including anything that might separate anyone from God's love, that through the Holy Spirit these resources are made available to His people, and that Jesus has promised to be with us,

We covenant, in the name of Jesus, to face darkness with light, evil with righteousness, and falsehood with truth, to the end that the power of sin and bondage might be broken, and that those captive may be released to live out the image of God within them.

Lord, before you and my brothers and sisters, I enter into this covenant, believing that it will bring growth and joy to my life and that of others.

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