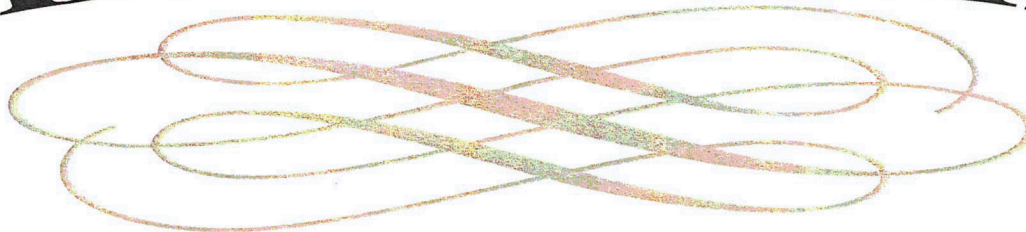


# HOPE COVENANT CHURCH

## CERTIFICATE OF

# PARTNERSHIP



### All Partners of Hope Covenant Church will believe and accept:

- 1. The “Jesus Creed”:** “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the Law of Moses?” Jesus replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important; ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.  
Matthew 22:36-40
- 2. Covenant Affirmations:** We at Hope Covenant Church affirm:
  - The centrality of the Word of God.
  - The necessity of the new birth.
  - A commitment to the whole mission of the Church.
  - The Church as a fellowship of believers.
  - A conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit.
  - The reality of the freedom in Christ.*(These statements are consistent with the beliefs of the ECC)*

### As a result of these beliefs—All Partners of Hope also agree to:

- 3. Hope Covenant Code of Conduct: Colossians 3:12-17**
  - We seek to build each other up and not tear down.
  - We respect and honor the office of pastor and other lay leaders.
  - We seek to communicate clearly, completely, and directly.
  - We offer our opinions with charity and humility
  - We make positive investments in each other’s lives.
  - We believe the best in each other and give each other the benefit of the doubt.
  - We seek to discover what is best for our church as a whole, not what may be best for us or for some small group in the church.
  - We accept disagreement, conflict, and evaluations as normal and natural.
  - We are committed to being inconvenienced for the sake of the Gospel!
- 4. Offering of Gifts and Talents:** Hope Ministry Partners commit to sharing their talents to support the ministry of Hope, as well as intentional financial support of Hope Covenant Church.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_