

Membership Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God,¹ to embrace Jesus as the Lord,² Savior,³ and supreme Treasure of our lives,⁴ and having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,⁵ we do now, in the presence of God,⁶ angels,⁷ and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.⁸

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Spirit,⁹ to walk together in Christian love,¹⁰ to strive for the advancement of this church¹¹ in knowledge,¹² holiness,¹³ and peace,¹⁴ to promote its spirituality and fruitfulness,¹⁵ and to sustain its worship,¹⁶ ordinances,¹⁷ and discipline.¹⁸

We likewise engage, to uphold the Table Rock Member Affirmation of Faith; to welcome, test biblically, and apply instruction from the Scriptures by the Elders of the church which accords with the Table Rock Elder Affirmation of Faith;¹⁹ to contribute cheerfully²⁰ and regularly²¹ to the support of the ministry,²² the expenses of this church,²³ the relief of the poor,²⁴ and the spread of the gospel in this city and among all the nations.²⁵ We also engage to maintain family²⁶ and personal devotions;²⁷ to seek the salvation of our friends, family, and neighbors;²⁸ to educate our children in the Christian faith;²⁹ to walk wisely in the world;³⁰ to be just in our dealings,³¹ faithful in our engagements,³² and exemplary in our conduct,³³ and to avoid all gossip,³⁴ slander,³⁵ excessive anger,³⁶ drunkenness,³⁷ and sexual sin.³⁸

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love;³⁹ to remember one another in prayer;⁴⁰ to aid one another in sickness and distress;⁴¹ to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling⁴² and courtesy in speech;⁴³ to be slow to take offense,⁴⁴ but always ready for reconciliation,⁴⁵ and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.⁴⁶

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will notify the church leaders, and, if possible, unite with a like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant.⁴⁷

¹ John 6:63, 16:7-14. ² Rom 10:9; Phil 2:11. ³ Luke 2:11; 1 Tim 1:15; Acts 4:12. ⁴ Matt 16:24-26, 13:44-46; Luke 9:23-26, 14:26. ⁵ Matt 28:18-20; Acts 2:41, 8:36-38; Rom 6:3-5. ⁶ Ps 139:7, 33:13, 15:3. ⁷ 1 Tim 5:21. ⁸ 1 Cor 12:12-13, 10:17. ⁹ John 14:26, 16:13. ¹⁰ Eph 5:1-2; 1 Thess 4:9; John 13:33-34. ¹¹ Eph 2:21-23. ¹² 2 Pet 3:18. ¹³ 1 Pet 1:15-16; 2 Cor 7:1. ¹⁴ Col 3:15; Rom 14:19. ¹⁵ Jude 20; 1 Thess 5:10-12. ¹⁶ John 4:24; Romans 12:1. ¹⁷ 1 Cor 11:24-30; Luke 22:14-23. ¹⁸ Rom 16:17; 1 Cor 5; Titus 3:10-11. ¹⁹ 2 John 9-11; 1 John 4:1-6; Acts 17:11. ²⁰ 2 Cor 9:6-7. ²¹ 1 Cor 16:1-2. ²² 2 Cor 9:7; Matt 10:8, 6:19-24. ²³ 1 Tim 5:17-18; 1 Cor 9:8-12. ²⁴ Prov 29:7, 19:17; James 1:27; 1 Tim 5:3-16. ²⁵ Acts 1:8; Luke 24:46-48. ²⁶ Deut 11:18-20. ²⁷ Matt 6:6; Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11. ²⁸ Mark 5:19; Matt 5:15-16; Rom 1:16. ²⁹ Eph 6:4. ³⁰ Eph 5:15; Matt 10:16. ³¹ Rom 12:17; Prov 11:1. ³² 2 Tim 2:2. ³³ Eph 5:8; 1 Pet 2:12. ³⁴ 2 Cor 12:20; Prov 11:13; Prov 16:28. ³⁵ Ps 101:5; Rom 1:29-31; Mark 7:21-23. ³⁶ James 1:19; Eph 4:26-27. ³⁷ Eph 5:18. ³⁸ 1 Cor 6:18; Rom 1:24-32. ³⁹ Rom 12:10; 1 Thess 5:14. ⁴⁰ Eph 6:18; 1 Thess 5:25. ⁴¹ Gal 6:10; 2 Cor 1:3-4. ⁴² 1 Cor 12:25-26. ⁴³ 1 Cor 12:25-26. ⁴⁴ Rom 12:19. ⁴⁵ Rom 12:18-21; Col 3:12-15. ⁴⁶ Matt 5:23-24. ⁴⁷ Acts 18:27-28; Rom 16:1-2