**Membership Covenant**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church**

I, a member of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church covenant the following:

1. **I will glorify the Lord of my church** by seeking His fame in my life through worship, obedience to His Word, service inside and outside of the church, spiritual formation (such as regular Bible reading, pursuing the spiritual disciplines, and participation in the Lord’s Supper), sharing the gospel with others, and by living a life that brings honour to Christ. I understand that I am called to honour Christ in every area and season of my life whether it be in friendship, singleness, dating, marriage, parenting, career, retirement, etc.

…yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

1 Corinthians 8:6

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians. 3:23-24

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

1. **I will protect the unity of my church** by acting in love toward other church members, actively participating in a small group, refusing to gossip, following the leaders, encouraging other church members to grow in their faith, and by living in a way that does not bring disrepute to the gospel or our church. We will hold each other accountable in this unity and covenant, following the teachings of Scripture as described in the Statement of Faith of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:44-47

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8-9

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Hebrews 13:17

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

Galatians 6:1

1. **I will share the responsibility of my church** by praying for its growth, by inviting the unchurched to attend, by warmly welcoming those who visit, by seeking to make disciples of all nations, and by financially supporting its ministry.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:2-6

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

John 20:21

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:12

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

1. **I will serve the ministry of my church** by discovering where God wants me to serve, by discovering my gifts and talents, by being equipped to serve by my pastors, and by developing a servant’s heart.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

1 Corinthians 12:18-20

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

John 13:12-15

1. **I will support the testimony of my church** by attending faithfully, by living a godly life, not teaching doctrine contrary to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church’s beliefs, and by giving regularly. I understand that if I relocate and am unable to attend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church, I will inform them of my move.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:13-16

I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

Romans 16:17-18

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For Scripture says, “Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.”

1 Timothy 5:17-18

**Membership Covenant**

Upon meeting the following qualifications by having:

* received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour,
* shared my testimony of faith before members of the Board, and
* been baptized by immersion after my salvation,

I commit to uphold the following:

* the principles of the Preamble of the *Local Church Constitution* of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada (C&MA),
* the purpose of the church as outlined in Article 2 of the *Local Church Constitution,*
* the C&MA *Statement of Faith*,
* abide by the C&MA *Statement on Human Sexuality*
* submission to the *Policy on Discipline and Restoration for Members of Local Churches of the C&MA*,
* submission to the *Policy and Procedures on Sexual Misconduct for Official Workers and Churches*, and
* submission to further qualifications as specified in the church bylaws,

**I feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church family and in doing so, I commit to fulfill the responsibilities described above to the best of my ability, God helping me.**

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