

Community is the gift that God has repeatedly given to his people to help us live life with God and each other. Through community God not only provides for us but also offers a way of helping transform this world. Our life together as a community of teenagers and adults is not just on Sundays and not just within the walls of St. Paul's. It includes our worship, service, conversations and adventures. For us to have this life together as a community we need help. God calls this help a covenant. A covenant is a willing agreement between two parties (exactly like you find in marriage). For us to be a community shaped in the Way of Jesus for the good of each other and of the world, we need a covenant that allows God to be God and us to be his body of people here on earth.

*Our Covenant for Community Life: please answer the following questions.*

1. Will you help us remember that life is a gift and life is good by enjoying yourself and our time together no matter what we're doing? Will you help bring joy and peace by cheerfully participating whether we're setting up, cleaning up, playing, praying or eating? \_\_\_\_\_, *with God's help*
2. Will you help others to know that they are welcome, by treating everyone with respect and love in tone, manner, words and actions? \_\_\_\_\_, *with God's help*
3. Will you help us keep you safe by staying with the community and not going off without letting an adult know and by wearing a seatbelt when in the car? \_\_\_\_\_, *with God's help*
4. Will you help make this world more beautiful by leaving the places we gather within cleaner than when we found it? \_\_\_\_\_, *with God's help*
5. Will you present yourself as a representative of Christ by dressing appropriately: No suggestive t-shirts or hats. No revealing bathing suits, tank tops with spaghetti straps or halters. No unbelted droopy jeans. No short shorts or short mini-skirts. \_\_\_\_\_, *with God's help*
6. Will you honor your body as being the home of God, the Holy Spirit by not engaging in sexual behavior of any sort and not using drugs, alcohol or tobacco? \_\_\_\_\_, *with God's help*
7. Will you help fill our minds with things that are hopeful and holy by not playing crude or aggressive music and games and not cursing? \_\_\_\_\_, *with God's help*
8. Will you help keep each other and our space safe by never bringing firearms, fireworks or weapons of any sort and never engaging in aggressive behavior, by word or deed? \_\_\_\_\_, *with God's help*
9. And will you answer Christ's call and take your place in the continued restoration of this world by taking responsibility for your words and actions, accepting any consequences that might be presented? *I understand that consequences to breaking this covenant could include leaving the gathering, financial obligations and/or parental involvement.* \_\_\_\_\_, *with God's help.*

With God's help, I will do my part to honor this covenant because I want to take part in our life together as a community. I want to not only go to church, I want to *be* the church and I want to be used by God to shape this world into the way it should be.

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Ministers

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Participants

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Parents