

BREVARD-DAVIDSON RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

YOUTH COVENANT

A COVENANT FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

A COVENANT IS A PROMISE THAT EACH OF US MAKES TO EACH OTHER. OUR COVENANT GUIDES US IN PRACTICING LOVING AND CIVIL BEHAVIOR WITHIN OUR YOUTH GROUP AND WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY AS A WHOLE. IT IS ALSO A SIGNIFICANT SYMBOL OF OUR FAITHFULNESS TO GOD AND TO EACH OTHER. OUR COVENANT DOES NOT SEEK TO CHANGE PERSONALITIES (EACH OF US IS A UNIQUE CREATION OF GOD). IT SEEKS RATHER TO GUIDE BEHAVIOR SO THAT EACH YOUTH CAN PARTICIPATE MOST FULLY IN GOD'S CHURCH.

COVENANTS ARE AN IMPORTANT TRADITION IN OUR CHRISTIAN HISTORY BEGINNING WITH ABRAHAM AND AS GOD'S CHILDREN WE CONTINUE TO PRACTICE THIS TRADITION.

OUR PROMISE TO GOD

WE PROMISE TO PRAY, ALONE AND TOGETHER, TO HONOR GOD, AND TO THANK GOD AND TO ASK FOR HIS HELP AND GUIDANCE IN OUR OWN LIVES AND IN THE LIVES OF OTHER YOUTH AND ADULTS WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

WE PROMISE TO MAINTAIN CHRISTIAN HABITS SUCH AS REGULAR CHURCH ATTENDANCE, BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER, AND PARTICIPATION IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES.

WE PROMISE TO SET A WORTHY EXAMPLE FOR THE WORLD, AS PEOPLE WHO STRIVE TO BE MORE WORTHY OF CHRIST AND TO FOLLOW CHRIST AND HIS EXAMPLE FOR LIVING.

WE PROMISE TO GIVE REGULARLY OF THE TIME, MONEY, AND ABILITIES GIVEN TO US BY GOD.

WE PROMISE TO BECOME INFORMED ABOUT CHRISTIAN WORK AROUND THE WORLD AND TO SUPPORT THIS WORK.

OUR PROMISE TO OUR YOUTH GROUP

WE PROMISE TO BE GOOD STEWARDS IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS, BECAUSE OUR RELATIONSHIPS ARE A GIFT FROM GOD AND A MEASURE OF OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR GOD.

WE PROMISE TO RESPECT AND TO CARE FOR EACH OTHER, TO CHERISH THE UNIQUE PERSONALITIES OF OTHER YOUTH, AND TO PRACTICE BEHAVIOR THAT IS INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING TO ALL YOUTH AND ADULT LEADERS.

WE PROMISE NOT TO GOSSIP AND NOT TO INSULT OTHERS.

WE PROMISE TO ONLY ENGAGE IN WORDS AND BEHAVIORS THAT BUILD UP OUR YOUTH GROUP AND EACH OTHER, TO LISTEN TO OTHERS WITH AN OPEN AND NON-JUDGMENTAL MIND, ALWAYS CONSIDERING THAT THEY HAVE THE BEST OF INTENTIONS.

WE PROMISE, AFTER PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION, TO SPEAK FIRST IN LOVE WITH THE PERSON WHO WE FEEL WRONGED US. WE PROMISE NOT TO DISCUSS OUR COMPLAINTS WITH OTHERS. IF WE FEEL THE MATTER NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER, WE PROMISE TO SEEK HELP FROM A STAFF MEMBER OR ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM.

IF A YOUTH ACTS JUDGMENTALLY OR INAPPROPRIATELY, THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH OR ANOTHER ADULT LEADER SHALL STEP IN AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE BOUNDARIES AND LEADERSHIP SO THAT THE YOUTH MAY BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND A FAIR COMPROMISE CAN BE MADE TO DISCUSS AND PREVENT FUTURE INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I PROMISE TO UPHOLD THE YOUTH COVENANT ABOVE AND TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR MY ACTIONS.

YOUTH'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE