

A Sample Covenant for Christian Communities

As God's children, relying on His life within us we, the _____, in light of our shared vision to serve God and our desire to glorify Him, commit ourselves to love one another and to:

- **accept one another as Christ accepts us.**
- **seek to build one another up in Christ.**
- **care for one another's practical needs.**
- **be vulnerable with one another, expressing our true needs and doubts, knowing that prayer and acceptance will accompany us.**
- **graciously speak the truth to each other and hear the truth from one another in a spirit of love.**
- **avoid gossip and slander, and to keep one another from doing so.**
- **keep short accounts with one another, being quick to forgive, so that grudges might not develop.**
- **bear with one another when we find ourselves being impatient with each other.**
- **refuse to compare ourselves with each other.**
- **seek the highest degree of consensus possible on major decisions.**
- **work together in spite of differences of opinion and expectations, while having freedom to discuss them.**
- **make an effort to understand and respect each other's point of view.**
- **avoid judging each other.**
- **seek the Lord's direction together in prayer when we disagree.**
- **be accountable to each other to fulfill this covenant.**

Signed this ____ day of _____, at _____