

Christ Presbyterian Church's Covenant of Commitment Form

THE COMMITMENT

We are called to membership in a church that supports serious Christian discipleship. We work to transform the lives of our members and their worlds. We provide a nurturing environment in which disciples of Christ await their call and engage their spiritual gifts.

VISION

- We will consider self-proclaimed Christians of any denomination brothers and sisters in Christ.
- We will be a small growing church. Our definition of growth is related to spiritual depth, love and integrity of Christian community.
- We will be an open and affirming community that is without racial, cultural, economic or social barriers.
- We will relate to the world as a community of justice, compassion, reconciliation and hope.

_____ I embrace the this Vision for Christ Presbyterian Church.

MISSION

- We are called to give Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, practical priority in our daily life.
- We are called to confront injustice according to Jesus' teachings and stand with victims in love.
- We are called to encourage small groups to form around their common passion to serve Christ in specific ways.

_____ I affirm and will participate in fulfilling this Mission for Christ Presbyterian Church.

PREAMBLE TO CORE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

We demonstrate our desire to commit deeply to Jesus Christ by:

- Expanding our spiritual life through inward journeying
- Becoming an informed and mature Christian
- Working to heal pain in the world through our community commitments
- Welcoming the joy and accepting the work involved in discipleship

_____ I aspire to deepen my commitment to Christ, guided by these goals.

Our Core Spiritual Practices Will Be

1. _____ On-time weekly worship
2. _____ Undertake an inward journey including at least thirty minutes of daily prayer with an emphasis on listening
3. _____ Participate in planned study on the Bible, theology, ethics and Christian spirituality.
4. _____ Demonstrate responsible stewardship honoring God's earth, its resources, people and all creatures.
5. _____ Give sacrificially, proportionally and regularly to CPC beginning with 3% of income as a minimum goal and generous in-kind giving.
6. _____ Discover one's spiritual gifts and unique call to mission with the aid of the community.

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- 7. ____ Commit to participating in a mission group consisting of people with a shared calling and common passion to serve Christ through a specific ministry.
- 8. ____ Be accountable to a compassionate spiritual partner for these Core Practices.

____ I intend to make a sincere effort, with God's help and the support of the CPC community, to be a Covenant Member accountable for all of the Core Spiritual Practices of the Covenant. I take up these practices humbly, for God's glory, not my own, in order to deepen my commitment to Christ.

____ The following special circumstances need to be taken into consideration for me to be a Covenant Member of Christ Presbyterian Church.

____ I intend to make a sincere effort, with God's help and the support of the CPC community, to be a Worshipping Member accountable for the Core Spiritual Practices I have selected. I take up these practices humbly, for God's glory, not my own, in order to deepen my commitment to Christ.

As a Worshipping or Covenant Member of Christ Presbyterian Church I request the following support:

- ____ Help finding a compassionate spiritual partner.
- ____ Help finding devotional books or meditation guides for my prayer time.
- ____ Resources for discerning my spiritual gifts and calling.
- ____ Help forming/joining a mission group around one of the following concern(s):
- ____ Resources for being a responsible steward of the earth.
- ____ Help finding creative ways to give my resources sacrificially, proportionally and regularly to CPC.
- ____ Suggestions for Christian education opportunities/resources on the following topic(s):

____ Other (please describe below)

I make this commitment for one year beginning May 17, 2010.

Signed: _____

Date: _____