

Relational Covenant

At **Christ Community Covenant Church**, we are a family of believers rescued by Jesus Christ and led by his Holy Spirit. This covenant describes how we will walk hand-in-hand even if we don't see eye-to-eye. In this, we commit to work together towards healthy resolution by being: prayerful, listeners, healthy, kind/ grace-filled, unifying/forgiving, positive, honoring, humble and persevering.

*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)*

Prayerful (Acts 2:42)

- » Because this is the Lord's work, we pray first, so that we are in step with Him.

Listeners (James 1:19)

- » We discipline ourselves to listen to one another actively, and strive to understand the perspective of others and seek common ground. We accept and value our differences.

Healthy (Ephesians 4:2, 1 Corinthians 13:5-7)

- » We accept disagreement, conflict and evaluation as normal and natural. We believe our ability to relate well demonstrates our faith and strengthens relationships.

Personally responsible

(Colossians 3:12-17)

- » We commit to first clothe ourselves in compassion, kindness, gentleness and patience before bringing issues to others.

Kind and grace-filled (Ephesians 4:15)

- » We offer our opinions with charity and respect. We speak the truth – in love – to one another regardless of rank or position, address each other directly, and refrain from blame, criticism or gossip.

Unifying and forgiving (Ephesians 4:3, 4:32, 1 Corinthians 1:10)

- » We each take personal responsibility for unity and peace, choosing to acknowledge hurt and forgive others as Christ has forgiven us.

Positive (1 Thessalonians 5:10-11)

- » We seek to build each other up, rather than tear each other down. We make positive investments in each others' lives and seek to discover what is best for our community as a whole.

Honoring (Hebrews 13:7, 17-18)

- » We pray for, honor, and offer trust to those whom God has given us as leaders, supporting and assisting them to the best of our ability, always approaching leaders directly to address differences.

Humble (Philippians 2)

- » We exercise restraint and seek to engage each other with mutual submission, deference and compromise, when it is needed, for the sake of peace.

Persevering (James 1:2)

- » We strive to receive trials and hardship joyfully, understanding that when our faith is tested, it produces patience and perseverance.



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