

## **HADLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT (7/99)**

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and agreeing with Hadley Community Church's Constitution and Policies, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Hadley Community Church family.

In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

### **I. I WILL LOVE AND PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH**

By acting in love toward other members.

By refusing to gossip.

By following the leadership.

"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus" (Romans 15:5).

"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently" (1 Peter 1:22).

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29).

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you" (Hebrews 13:17).

"Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:3-6).

### **II. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH**

By praying for its growth spiritually and in number.

By inviting the unchurched to attend.

By warmly welcoming those who visit.

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers" (1 Thessalonians 1:2).

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:18-20).

"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23).

"Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God" (Romans 15:7).

### III. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

By discovering my gifts and talents.

By being equipped to serve.

By developing a servant's heart.

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

"And he gave some . . . pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-12).

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men (Phillipians 2:3-5, 7).

### IV. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH.

By attending faithfully.

By living a godly life.

By giving regularly.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

"Live a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Ephesians 4:1).

"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD" (Leviticus 27:30).