

## ***Desiring God Community Church Covenant***

*By the grace of God we have been led to repent of our sins and to believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We have confessed our faith and have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now, therefore, in the presence of God and by His grace, we joyfully and solemnly enter into a holy covenant with the members of Desiring God Community Church.*

*We engage to walk together in Christian love through the power of the Holy Spirit. We will exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness for each other, using our spiritual gifts for the common good, so that together we might live to God's glory. We will rejoice at each other's joys and will bear each other's burdens and sorrows with tenderness and sympathy. We will regularly encourage each other and lift each other up in prayer. We will be slow to take offense, and always will be ready for reconciliation. We will submit to the church's discipline upon ourselves and lovingly assume our responsibility to participate in the discipline of other members, as taught in Scripture.*

*Unless providentially hindered, we will not neglect meeting together, but will faithfully attend the church's meetings for worship, prayer, study, fellowship, and business.*

*We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church. To this end, we will contribute time and money cheerfully and regularly to the support of this ministry, the relief of the poor, the cause of reformation and revival, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations.*

*We will strive by God's grace and power to live as Christ in the world; denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we will seek to lead holy lives, being honest in our dealings and faithful to our responsibilities and commitments.*

*We resolve to practice personal and family worship, to train our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, and to seek the salvation of our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and all the nations.*

*We promise that if, in the providence of God, we move from this place, as soon as possible we will unite with another church where we can continue to carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.*

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.*