

Church at Convergence Covenant

We offer this covenant as an expression of who are we trying to become in our life together under the Lordship of Christ. We commit ourselves to the lifelong challenge of growing as disciples of Jesus Christ and becoming increasingly like Him in all aspects of our lives, a pilgrimage for which we accept full and personal responsibility. We joyfully welcome into our fellowship any person who shares our commitment to Jesus Christ and our vision of who He is leading us to become.

As a member of this church, I will seek to live under the following commitments:

- I will gather regularly with the congregation to worship God, share the good news of my faith and pray for the church's mission and ministry.
- I will study the Bible and seek a greater understanding of my faith, applying its teachings to all areas of my life. I will support and encourage the Christian education of all within the church. I will be open and sensitive to God's message as it comes to me from other sources of insight, such as persons, history, the arts, nature, and current events.
- I will intentionally develop friendships within this church to strengthen the love and concern we have for one another. I will pray for and assist those who are ill and hurting to my best ability, cultivating my Christian compassion toward the welfare of each person. Furthermore, I will value the importance of community life and seek to strengthen it for myself and others through a faithful outlook and loving actions.
- I will be faithful to God and this church through the creative and responsible use of my time, talents, and financial resources for the advancement of the church's mission and ministries. I will take an active interest in the programs of the church and will participate in the life of the church as best as I am able.
- I will take an interest in and support the mission and outreach of this church as we seek to minister in the community, region, nation, and world. I will support our relationships with other Baptist Churches as well as the ecumenical and interfaith relationships we have.
- I will respect the freedom of all persons to develop their own understanding and application of their Christian beliefs as they pertain to moral, social, and political issues. I will seek dialogue rather than conflict with those with whom I differ.
- I will appreciate, respect, and encourage the diversity of age, gender, race, ethnicity, and religious backgrounds within this church. I will conduct myself in a loving and responsible manner in my relationships with others.
- I have read the Articles, Constitution and Bylaws, including but not limited to those policies dealing with church discipline, conflict resolution, and members' responsibilities and privileges and agree to be bound by the Articles, Constitution and Bylaws.

Ways to Join This Church

- Public profession of faith and subsequent baptism
- Transfer of membership by a letter of recommendation from another church of like faith and practice;
- A written statement of previous experience of profession of faith and baptism.

Christians who desire to become members may present themselves publicly in any of the church's services.

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Because we have a very diverse group of people who are connected with *Convergence*, we offer two ways to commit to the life of this community of faith.

Having read and considered this covenant, I now commit to the life and work at *Convergence* in the following way (please check one):

Steward

One who is accountable for the resources God has entrusted to us.

A Steward is one who identifies her/himself as a follower of Jesus Christ and wishes to unite with the *Convergence* family in a committed way of accountability. In doing so, one commits to God and one another to support the mission of *Convergence* by living out the church covenant as expressed in our bylaws. This "stewardship" is open to all who feel called to that responsibility and choose to engage in the preparation that is required.

A Steward commits to regular and ongoing support of *Convergence* in the following ways: praying, serving, attending, contributing, promoting and financial giving. Collectively, the Stewards are the voting body of *Convergence*.

Collaborator

one who cooperates or works with others toward a common goal

A Collaborator is one who partners with and supports the *Convergence* community, yet is unable or does not wish to be a Steward of *Convergence*.

A Collaborator expresses a desire to support *Convergence* in *some or all* of the following ways: praying, serving, attending, contributing artistically, promoting, and financial giving as they choose and are able.

Please print your name:

Date:

Address:

Phone (home):

(cell):

Email:

Birthday: