

METRO CALVARY SERVANT'S COVENANT

The mission of Metro Calvary is three-fold: The worship of God; the Word of God; and reaching the world for God.

You are holding this document in your hand because you have thoughtfully decided that God is calling you to make Metro Calvary your home and be an integral part of helping fulfill this three-fold mission. As such, you have chosen to collaborate with Metro in loving God, loving fellow Christians, and loving non-Christians through the service of the Body by entering into this "Servant's Covenant." Those who enter into this covenant are called to a higher degree of responsibility and service. At the same time, the elders and deacons are covenanted to serve and assist, love and lead, provide counsel and aid, pray for, teach, and guide those who call Metro home. *"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace..."* -[1 Peter 4: 8-10](#)

What is a Covenant?

A covenant is a promise by which we obligate ourselves to one another in such a way that the obligation of one party is not dependent on the faithfulness of the other ([Ezek. 20:44](#); [36:22](#); [Ps. 76:11](#); [Hos. 2:19-20](#); [3:1](#); [2 Tim. 2:13](#)). The Metro Calvary Servant's Covenant includes a statement of faith, a statement of biblical doctrine, the obligations of Metro Calvary Church to its members, and the obligations of its members to Metro Calvary Church. Though the covenant does define the relationship between members and the church, it is first and foremost a promise made to God as a commitment to his glory and his bride, the Church ([Eph. 5:25](#)).

Statement of Faith

I am a Christian saved from the eternal wrath of God by faith in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, through his death and resurrection, by which I am assured of eternal life ([John 3:16-18](#); [Rom. 3:23-26](#)).

I believe Jesus Christ is exactly who he claimed to be ([Isa. 53:6](#); [Matt. 26:64](#); [Mark 14:62](#); [Luke 22:70](#); [John 4:25-26](#); [6:29](#); [8:58](#); [11:25-27](#); [14:6-7](#); [15:5](#)).

I have repented of my sins and have been made a new creation in Christ ([1 John 1:9](#); [2 Cor. 5:17](#)).

In obedience to Scripture, I have been baptized (or am planning to be) to personally identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and to publicly demonstrate my commitment as a disciple of Jesus ([Col. 2:12](#); [1 Peter 3:21](#)).

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Statement of Biblical Doctrine

I agree with the core beliefs of Metro Calvary Church, which are founded upon the Bible, consistent with the historic creeds (e.g. [Apostles' Creed](#) and [Nicene Creed](#)) and expressed in the [doctrinal statement](#).

I understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace; I will adhere to Metro Calvary Church's position on primary theological issues, and I will not be divisive over secondary issues ([Eph. 4:1-3](#); [Heb. 13:7, 17](#)).

I agree that the sixty-six books of the Bible are the ultimate doctrinal authority on all matters ([Is. 55:11](#); [1 Cor. 15:3-4](#); [2 Tim. 3:15-16](#); [Heb. 4:12](#)).

I understand that Metro Calvary's doctrinal positions are clearly communicated and specified through various channels, such as sermons, published materials, and other writings distributed by Metro Calvary.

Obligation of Metro Calvary to its members

We covenant that your elders and deacons will meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures ([1 Tim. 3:1-13](#); [5:17-22](#); [Titus 1:5-9](#); [1 Peter 5:1-4](#)).

We covenant to seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures and follow the Spirit ([Acts 20:28](#); [1 Peter 5:1-5](#)).

We covenant to care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Christ, in part by equipping you for service ([Eph. 4:11-13](#)) and praying for you regularly, particularly when you are sick ([James 5:14](#)).

We covenant to provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture ([Acts 20:27-28](#); [Gal. 6:6](#); [1 Tim. 5:17-18](#)).

We covenant to be on guard against false teachers ([Acts 20:28-31](#)).

We covenant to exercise church discipline when necessary ([Matt. 18:15-20](#); [1 Cor. 5](#); [Gal. 6:1](#)).

We covenant to set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members ([1 Cor. 11:1](#); [Phil. 3:17](#); [1 Tim. 4:12](#)).

My obligation to Metro Calvary

I have read and understood the Metro Calvary [doctrinal statement](#) and will not be divisive to its teaching. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace ([Eph. 4:1-3](#); [Heb. 13:7, 17](#)).

I covenant to submit to the authority of Scripture as the final arbiter on all issues ([Ps. 119](#); [2 Tim. 3:16-17](#)).

I will maintain a close relationship with the Lord Jesus through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines. My relationship will be evidenced through my participation in weekly worship services, prayer, communion, Metro Calvary community and ministries, service, and a life that glorifies Jesus ([Ps. 105:1-2](#); [Ps. 119:97](#); [Acts 2:42-47](#); [Heb. 10:23-25](#); [2 Peter 1:3](#)).

I will steward the resources God has given me, including my time, talents, and treasure ([Prov. 3:9-10](#); [Rom. 12:1-2](#); [Gal. 5:22-26](#); [Eph. 4:1-16](#); [5:15-18](#)). This includes regular financial giving, service, and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary ([Rom. 12:1-8](#); [2 Cor. 8-9](#); [12:7-31](#); [1 Peter 4:10-11](#)).

I will not function in leadership or as a member (i.e., regularly attend or serve) in another church family ([Heb. 13:17](#)).

I covenant to submit to discipline by God through his Holy Spirit, to follow biblical procedures for church discipline in my relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ, to submit to righteous discipline when approached biblically by brothers and sisters in Christ, and to submit to discipline by church leadership if the need should ever arise ([Ps. 141:5](#); [Matt. 18:15-17](#); [1 Cor. 5:1-5](#); [2 Cor. 2:5-8](#); [Gal. 6:1-5](#); [1 Tim. 5:20](#); [2 Tim. 2:25](#); [Titus 1:9](#); [3:10-11](#); [Heb. 12:5-11](#); [Rev. 2:5-7, 14-25](#)).

I agree, by God's grace, to walk in holiness as an act of worship to Jesus Christ, who has saved me from my sin that I could live a new life ([2 Cor. 5:17](#)); I will practice complete chastity before marriage and complete fidelity in heterosexual marriage by abstaining from practices such as cohabitation, pornography, and fornication ([Job 31:1](#); [Prov. 5](#); [Rom. 13:12-14](#); [1 Cor. 6:9-7:16](#); [Heb. 13:4](#)); I will refrain from illegal drug use, drunkenness, and other sinful behavior as the Bible, my pastors, and my conscience dictate ([1 Cor. 8:7](#); [Gal. 5:19-21](#)). Should I sin in such a manner, I agree to confess my sins to Christian brothers or sisters and seek help to put my sin to death ([Rom. 8:13](#); [Col. 3:5](#); [1 John 1:6-10](#)).

