



PARTNERSHIP COVENANT

Biblical Obligations of Partners of The Compass Church

As those who have experienced the grace of a life changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, we have the opportunity to reflect the character of Christ through the pursuit of certain attitudes and actions and the rejection of others. The Scriptures refer to this reality as “living by the Spirit” (Romans 8). The requirements of this partnership covenant are in no way intended as an addition to the biblical obligations of a believer. Rather, this document functions primarily as an accessible yet non-exhaustive explanation of what the Scriptures teach about the obedience that faith produces.

All persons desiring to become “Partners” of the Compass Church must 1) be a baptized believer, 2) give affirmation of faith to the Compass Church Doctrinal statement, 3) Attend a Partnership class, 4) Meet with you location Pastor, 5) Sign the Partnership covenant. These steps are necessary in order to become a covenant partner of the Compass Church.

I covenant...

- a. To submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).
- b. To pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship and practice of spiritual disciplines. (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22; Hebrews 10:23-25; 2 Peter 1:3; Acts 2:42-47).
- c. To follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His Church:
 - by being baptized after my conversion.
 - by regularly remembering and celebrating the person and work of Christ through communion.
- d. To regularly participate in the life of The Compass Church by attending weekly services, engaging in gospel-centred community (GPS) and serving those within and outside of this church (Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 3:14).
- e. To steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts and finances. This includes regular financial giving, service and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful and voluntary (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9).
- f. By God’s grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13-16. 1 Peter 4:1-3). Believers

should strive to put certain attitudes and actions to death while stirring and stimulating love and good deeds through the Spirit.

- g. 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, if the need should ever arise (Hebrews 13:17; Ps. 141:5; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians. 5:1-5; 2 Corinthians. 2:5-8; Gal. 6:1-5 8; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 2:25; Titus 1:9; 3:10-11; Hebrews. 12:5-11; Rev. 2:5-7, 14-25).

Full Name (*please print*)

Date

Signature

Signature of Spouse (*if applicable*)

I understand that this Partnership covenant obligates me to the partners and leaders of The Compass Church; I accept the responsibility to notify pastoral leadership (and Elder) if at any time I can no longer commit to this covenant, until then, I willingly submit myself to this body, as the body submits to Christ, its head.

Biblical Obligations of The Compass Church Elders to The Compass Church

As shepherds and overseers of a local church, elders are entrusted with protecting, leading, equipping and caring for the corporate church body and her individual partners. The following is a rather extensive overview of the requirements for elders as spelled out within the Scriptures.

The elders covenant...

- a. To appoint elders and deacons (including staff members who serve in these offices) according to the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- b. To prayerfully seek God's will for our church community as we study the scriptures and follow the Spirit. We seek to steward her resources to the best of our ability based on our study of the Scriptures and following of the Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- c. To care for the church and seek her growth in grace, truth and love (Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:15-16, Colossians 1:28; James 5:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- d. To provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture (Acts 20:27-28; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 2:1).
- e. To equip the church for the work of ministry and to seek your growth as a disciple of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-16).
- f. To be on guard against false teachers and teachings (Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 1 John 4:1).
- g. To lovingly exercise discipline when necessary, for the glory of God, the good of the one disciplined and the health of the church as a whole (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20).
- h. To set an example and join members in fulfilling the obligations of church partnership stated below (Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Peter 5:3).
- i. We covenant to pray for the church regularly, (Acts 6:4) and when someone is sick (if desired) the Elder's can lay on hands and anoint with oil (James 5:14).

Local Compass Congregation Elder(s) Name (*please print and sign*)

Date