

MABC Church Covenant

We, collectively and as individuals, believe that we have been led by God to join together as a church. As one body, bound together in the Holy Spirit and with Christ Jesus as our head, we solemnly and joyfully enter into the following covenant:

- We shall, with prayer, seek both to be good stewards of our own resources and to promote responsible stewardship of God's entire creation, to work alongside all people of good will for peace with justice, and to discover creative ways to further God's purposes in our city, nation, and world. We shall strive not just to be friends with one another but also to be good neighbors to all of God's beloved children, including those who celebrate different expressions of our own Christian faith, those who follow other faiths, and those who follow no faith at all.
- We shall seek to grow in the wisdom and strength of our Lord, Jesus Christ; to share the Gospel—the good news which we ourselves have so joyfully received—with those whom we encounter; and to participate regularly and cheerfully in the worship, ministry, and financial support of this church. We shall watch over one another in Christian love, remember one another in prayer, and aid one another in sickness and distress.
- In our personal lives we shall cultivate a spiritual discipline of prayer, education, Bible study, and careful discernment. We shall strive to make our homes places of Christian hospitality, to conduct our business and social dealings in accordance with the spirit of Christ, and to maintain all of our relationships with integrity, sympathy, honesty, and love.
- When we leave this congregation, we shall—following the guidance of God's Holy Spirit—seek out another congregation with whom we might love and serve God's world and from whom we might receive love and service ourselves. With them in body, and remaining with one another in the Spirit, we shall continue this good work of working out our faith, all the while trusting that God is at work within us.
- The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all as we seek to uphold these commitments. Amen.