

Relational Covenant

As ones who belong to Jesus Christ and the Body of Christ, we are committed to living out our mission as evidenced in our love for Jesus, one another, and our neighbors. To honor and protect the integrity of our mission and relationships, we commit to relate to one another in the following manner:

- To be honest, open, and forthright with one another as we speak the truth in love.
- To regard one another with humility and kindness as we treat one another as we desire to be treated.
- To do and say all things in love so that our words and actions are encouraging and edifying to one another and the church.
- To honor and respect one another's opinions by listening for the purpose of seeking to understand each other's needs and views, even when we disagree.
- To create the sacred space and time to hear one another's needs, thoughts, and feelings before making important decisions.
- To strive for collaboration on all matters, but be willing to compromise, accommodate, or "let go" when collaboration does not seem possible.
- To seek to understand first God's desires then one another's remembering that all our decisions are to build up the Body of Christ and to serve God's purpose.
- To act decisively and to move forward boldly yet humbly once a decision has been made.
- To agree to disagree in love, and when we disagree on major decisions, to not take it personally as we remember that our decisions are to serve God's purpose and not our own.
- To go directly to the person in private who has offended us by following Jesus' process of reconciliation as taught in Matthew 18:15-20.
- To allow for one another's (and the church's) mistakes while holding one another accountable to our purpose and covenant together.
- To forgive one another when we do make mistakes and be willing and able to move on to God's promising future leaving behind the failures and mistakes of the past.