



# Ministry Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Saviour, and in recognition of God's covenants toward us, I understand and agree to the content of this Ministry Covenant. I resolve to minister within the church and within the world as a servant of Jesus Christ, under God, and according to Scripture. The following statements help to further define my commitment:

## I. I will protect the unity of my church

- by acting in love toward other members
- by refusing to gossip
- by following the leaders
- by being supportive of CENTRAL'S Statement of Faith
- by complying with CENTRAL'S constitution and by-laws

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and on the growth of our fellowship together." [Rom. 14:19]

"Have a sincere love for other believers; love one another earnestly with all your heart." [1 Peter 1:22]

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." [Eph. 4:29]

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." [Heb. 13:17]

## II. I will share in the growth of my church

- by praying for its growth
- by inviting the unchurched to attend
- by warmly welcoming those who visit

"To the church – We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." [1Thess.1:1-2]

"The Master said to the servant, Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full" [Luke 14:23]

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." [Rom. 15:7]

## III. I will serve the ministry of my church

- by discovering my gifts and talents
- by actively involving myself in ministry
- by being equipped to serve by my pastors
- by developing a servant's heart
- by ministering in cooperation with others in the Body of Christ
- by supporting, through prayer and affirmation, others' gifts and ministries.

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you" [1 Peter 4:10]

“God gave some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up.” [Eph. 4:11-12]

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus; who took on the very nature of a servant.” [Phil. 2:3-4, 7]

#### IV. I will support the testimony of my church

- by attending faithfully
- by living a godly life [applying Biblical principles in all aspects of my life]
- by keeping a regular, personal quiet time of Bible reading and prayer and regularly confessing my sins before God
- by giving regularly
- by abstaining from any act or attitude that is counter-productive to the purposes of the church or its ministries [Examples of acts of the sinful nature are: Adultery, cohabitation that includes physical intimacy and/or negatively impacts the church as a result of the appearance of evil, occult practices, dissensions/factions, drunkenness, same-gender sexual activity, criminal activity, any sexual abuse.]

“Let us not give up meeting together ... but let us encourage one another.” [Heb. 10:25]

“Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ.” [Phil. 1:27]

“Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering”. [1 Cor. 16:2]

“A tenth of [all your] produce ... is the Lord’s and is holy.” [Lev. 27:30]

I understand that CENTRAL is responsible for the welfare of any person entrusted to my care, and thus I will co-operate fully with the staff in the fulfillment of my duties and will keep all information I encounter in my role as Partner confidential. If I find that for any reason I am unable to support the policies, procedures or doctrines of CENTRAL I will gracefully and quietly resign my position.

If I fail to live a life consistent with God’s word so that my witness, the reputation of the Name of Christ and / or the integrity of CENTRAL is compromised I will withdraw from my position of ministry and submit to a process of restoration.

Name: (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_