

## Community Covenant for Participating Members

We are a community of imperfect people, beloved by Jesus, seeking to live in Him and in His ways. As a Participating Member, I resonate with this identity and mission and I commit to this Community Covenant as an expression, by God's grace, of who I am and long to be.

### Loved by God, Loving God

As a follower of Jesus and an adopted child of God, I am humbled by the privilege of having an intimate relationship with God the Father through Christ Jesus by the Spirit. I embrace the good news that I can do nothing to make God love me more, and nothing I can do will make God love me less. Resting on this foundation, I am able to take up my calling to love the Lord God with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength and to be a witness for Jesus in every area of life. I long to know God more deeply, and I desire to engage in prayer, Scripture reading, worship, and other spiritual disciplines, not out of duty, but as an opportunity to relate to the God who loves me unconditionally.

### Loving Each Other

Because I am united with Christ by faith, I am also united to every member of his body, the church. I desire to promote and protect the purity, unity, and peace of this church, both at W242 and beyond. I realize that the Spirit has given me particular gifts that equip me to play my role in the church, and I desire to use those gifts for God's glory. As a member of W242, I want to invest in real and authentic relationships, being honest with others about sins and weaknesses while clinging to the hope of transformation in Christ. Within this community, conflict is real, which requires that I run toward others instead of away from them, connecting with them and asking for and receiving forgiveness. In doing this, I am not only serving adults but also guiding and nurturing our children and young people by modeling what it means to follow Jesus and humbly repenting when I fail.

### Loving my Neighbors

I long for others to be rescued from death to life, just as I have been rescued. While I desire and pray for the conversion and transformation of my neighbors, I realize that real and ongoing relationship is the best context for sharing and demonstrating my faith. Not only that, but I desire to serve my neighbors and to see them flourish as God's image-bearers, and this requires receptivity to their needs, interests, and perspectives. I support and will seek to advance the mission of W242 which means pursuing consistent and caring relationships with those who are not currently following Jesus.

### Loving the City and World

In this life of following Jesus, I believe that everything is spiritual. In other words, everything in my life—whether my work, family life, leisure, or lifestyle choices—is part of my mission to be a witness of Jesus by the power of the Spirit. God has invited me to participate in his creative work of making all things new, which motivates me to live in a way that promotes God's justice, truth, and beauty in my family, school, workplace, neighborhood, city, and the world. I long to see every square inch of the world reflect God's character, so I support the initiatives of W242 in responding to real needs in our city and around the world.

### Generosity: God's and Mine

Since the whole universe belongs to God, I affirm that everything I am and have is his. Even though God made and owns everything, he does not hoard anything, but gives generously to the point of giving up his own life. I want my life to reflect that pattern of generosity, which means seeing my time, talents, and money as gifts that can be used to advance God's kingdom. As a Participating Member at W242, I want to offer what God has given me to support the mission and vision of this church.



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