

## **IV. COVENANT**

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

### **We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit,**

1. To walk together in Christian love;
2. To strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort;
3. To promote its prosperity and spirituality;
4. To sustain its worship, ordinances, disciplines and doctrines;
5. To contribute regularly and proportionately as the Lord prospers us, to the support of its ministry and general expenses, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad.

### **We also engage:**

1. To maintain family and personal devotions;
2. To educate our children in the Christian faith;
3. To seek the salvation of our family, friends and acquaintances;
4. To be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour;
5. To walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our conduct;
6. To avoid all gossip, slander and excessive anger;
7. To abstain from all habits which defile the body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

### **We further engage:**

1. To watch over one another in brotherly love;
2. To remember each other in prayer;
3. To aid each other in sickness and distress;
4. To cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech;
5. To be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the teachings of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover, engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.