

CB North Central Covenant

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Rationale:

A covenant is a statement expressing how members of a covenantal community define their reciprocal commitments and expectations. It is not the same as a contract. Contracts deal with things and services. Covenants deal with people and relationships. They are enacted by families and friends. God witnesses the terms of covenants and acts as the One who stands behind their vows and promises.

Our covenant instructs us in the nature of our unity as churches together under God's new covenant of grace. It helps us shape our regional culture around our shared doctrine, mission, vision, and core values.

CB North Central desires to become a covenantal community committed to accountable relationships consisting of mutual rights, responsibilities and privileges. Based upon our shared doctrine, mission, vision, and core values, we solemnly commit to a fellowship expressed in dependence upon, responsibility for, and accountability to each other.

We Covenant:

- To be a community that fully embraces our regional and national Statement of Faith and to have the Word of God as the centerpiece of our lives and churches.
- To be a Great Commission community fueled by the Great Commandment passion, seeking to reach our communities for Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God.
- To seek interdependence by working together and strategically partnering so that we will reach people for Christ and bring greater health to our churches.
- To submit to one another, to protect each other, to honor each other and avoid any communication that would malign another
- To unite the strengths of our churches in a network of services assisting the churches of CB North Central and the other churches that make up CBA.
- To allow others to minister to our lives if they perceive within us aloofness, independence, competitiveness, or nonparticipation.
- To encourage pastors in CB North Central to become involved in sub-regional cluster groups, regional gatherings and events.
- To support the ministries of CB North Central and CBA financially, to pray for our CBNC and CBA Leadership Teams.
- To partner with other CB ministries and evangelical agencies of like doctrine, mission, vision, and values that support our churches' God-given vision and mission.

Signed _____ Date _____

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