

Church Member Commitment

The Apostle Paul mentions two different types of commitment in 2 Corinthians 8:5, "*First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God's will, they gave themselves to us as well.*" While becoming a Christian means to commit ourselves to Christ, being part of a church means we commit ourselves to other Christians. As our church begins our pastoral search, I agree and commit to God and the other members of our church community to the following:

- 1. Prayer.** I will pray daily for our board, search team, staff, volunteers, church, and future pastoral family.
- 2. Trust.** I will trust God to use the search process to identify our future pastor.
- 3. Faith.** I will have faith and stay optimistic and spiritually expectant.
- 4. Commitment.** I will sustain my commitment, faithfulness, attendance, giving, and service during the transition.
- 5. Patience.** I will have fair expectations, be patient, and give our future pastor and family the time needed to adjust to a new community, church, and work environment.
- 6. United.** I will seek to build unity and resist selfishness, division, and the desire to force my preferences on others.
- 7. Sensitivity.** I will be sensitive to our staff, volunteers, and workers by supporting and encouraging them during this interim time.
- 8. Hope.** I will trust our deacons to be led by the Holy Spirit, sensitive to the needs of our church and community, and be unified as they seek God's will.
- 9. Cooperative.** I will take responsibility for the final decision that the members make in selecting our new pastor.
- 10. Support.** I will support our new pastor and seek to understand the vision and burdens the Lord will place upon their heart.

Name

Date