

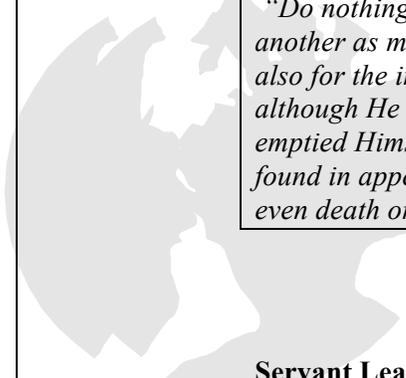
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Ministry Covenant - Full Gospel Tabernacle

The Meaning of This Covenant: “I Understand that a covenant is a promise, that it is not merely a mutual acquaintance but a commitment to responsibility and action.”

Acknowledgement of what Ministry looks like at FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE

Here at Full Gospel Tabernacle, we believe that **ANY PERSON WHO PARTICIPATES IN ANY FORM OF SERVICE TO THIS BODY, NO MATTER HOW MENIAL IT MAY APPEAR TO BE, IS INVOLVED IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP.** WE FURTHER BELIEVE THAT God intended THESE MINISTRIES to be carried out in a *spirit of a servant*. Although our talents, personalities and gifts may vary, Scripture clearly teaches a leadership style that is uniquely Christian. It has been given to us by the Lord of the Church. Jesus has demonstrated this leadership style, and commanded us to do likewise.



“Do nothing from selfish or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Phil 2:3-8

Servant Leadership is much more than a leadership style we act out and master like other management styles. Servant Leadership begins with the heart, with our attitude and with our motives. A servant-leader can be characterized by submission, love, compassion, persistence in pursuit of God’s will, and self-sacrifice. *Reflections from Scripture on Servanthood: John 17, Phil 2:3-8, John 6:38-40, John 15:12-13, 1 Corinthians 13.*

My Qualifications for Ministry at Full Gospel Tabernacle!

A life that qualifies FOR MINISTRY LEADERSHIP at Full Gospel Tabernacle, exhibits personal morality and character consistent with the Bible. While recognizing that grace abounds in our experience with Christ, and that in Christ there is forgiveness for moral failure, it is also recognized that biblical principles and standards are what qualify and empower an individual to lead.

Models, not just rhetoric, change people. Our primary mandate in this church is to “Make Disciples, teaching them to obey” (Matt. 28:19). Modeling biblical truth and standards gives those who are young (in age or faith) an example to follow; an illustration of what it means to be a Christian. It gives the church community confidence in the integrity of their church and the quality of our vision.

*“A Community Church Serving the Terra Nova Region
and the World, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!”*

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I ACCEPT the responsibility of MODELING A BIBLICAL LIFESTYLE:

I understand that consistent modeling requires diligence in the pursuit of the biblical lifestyle. There are some things that we can do to renew ourselves from the inside out. There is a need to “keep short accounts with God” (confession). We must be sensitive to sin so that we can easily identify it and recognize its presence in our own lives. We must immediately go to God and ask forgiveness. A lifestyle of sin evolves through inattention and insensitivity to God’s view of sinful behavior.

The biblical lifestyle is both a life of participating and a life of abstaining. In participating I will fully involve myself in the principles and, when appropriate, the programs of our church.

Abstaining is also considered part of the biblical lifestyle. Abstaining from what the Bible refers to as acts of the sinful nature, means not participating in an activity that is harmful to both my personal welfare and that of the church. A list of some acts of the sinful nature are as follows:

Adultery, cohabitation that includes physical intimacy and/or negatively impacts the church as a result of the appearance of evil, occultic practices, dissensions/factions, drunkenness, lesbian or homosexual activity, criminal activity, any sexual abuse, and/or any behavior that is deemed to be detrimental to the purpose of the church.

By no means is the above list a comprehensive representation of acts that would require disciplinary attention. I will abstain from ANY ACT or ATTITUDE that is counter-productive to the purposes of the church or its ministries.

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Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, 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 *Full Gospel Tabernacle's* Statement of Faith
- by complying with *Full Gospel Tabernacle'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 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." (1 Thess. 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)

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“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 in counter-productive to the purposes of the church or its ministries.

“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 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 FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE 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 a Ministry Leader, confidential. If, at any time, I find that for any reason I am unable or unwilling to support the policies, procedures, or doctrines of FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE, 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 FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE is compromised, I will withdraw from my position of ministry and submit to the process of discipline and restoration prescribed in Article V. Membership Sections 12-17 “Restoration and Discipline,” of the Constitution and By-Laws of FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE.

Name: (Please Print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Ministry Volunteers under the age of 16 must also have signature of parent or guardian.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

(Please Note: This Covenant does not empower the same Leadership/Voting Privileges as Church Membership. This is a MINISTRY COVENANT, not a Membership Application. It is generally understood that adults 18 years and over, wishing to be involved in ministry, will have already fulfilled the requirements for membership.)