



Church of the Holy Apostles

Leadership Covenant

Leadership in the church of Jesus Christ requires only people of high commitment, those who live with Jesus Christ as both Lord and Savior. The first step in leadership is discipleship. This means that each leader must first commit himself/herself to practice the habits of a disciple. All who are called to serve in leadership roles and positions in the church are asked to rise to the spiritual challenges that such positions require. In His church Jesus expects all leaders to be servants.

Recognizing the high commitment asked by our Lord Jesus Christ of those who would lead and serve in His Church, I have indicated either my present level of spiritual maturity in the following areas (by writing a YES on the blank), or my commitment to rise to the challenge of leadership in those areas where I am presently lacking (by writing COMMIT on the blank).

_____ 1. I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as evidenced in my commitment to worship (being present every weekend unless sick or out of town), Bible study, prayer, a quiet time, and a regular attendance at leadership events.

_____ 2. I am committed to the ministry of Church of the Holy Apostles, excited about the possibilities for continued and expanded ministry in our community, and supportive of the staff, vestry, and lead pastor (rector).

_____ 3. I bring a teachable spirit with me into my leadership position.

_____ 4. I trust God and have made a faithful commitment to tithe (or work toward a tithe) – bringing a tenth of my income to “my storehouse,” Church of the Holy Apostles, to support the ministry of this congregation. I make an annual pledge to the ongoing ministry of this place.

_____ 5. I realize that the Biblical pattern of leadership is by example. I will strive to be of a humble spirit, speaking in patience and love to all, following the example of my Jesus. I will never ask of others what I am unwilling first to do.

_____ 6. I will support all of the staff of our church by my behavior, prayers, and presence. I will not speak ill of them to others but will bring any concerns I may have directly to their attention. I will not gossip or foster dissension in any way.

_____ 7. I am committed to the mission, vision and values of Church of the Holy Apostles and will challenge each minister in my ministry area to uphold them as well. Before any decision is made in my ministry area, I will seek God’s guidance in determining if it reflects our mission, vision and values.

Finally, I understand that I am called *to serve* those whom I lead and this servanthood is essential in all matters of my ministry. I commit myself to these high standards because I want the best for the Body of Christ at Church of the Holy Apostles.

My Signature

Today's Date

Position for which I have been called to serve.