

## **Church Covenant of the Abyssinian Outreach Ministries Church**

Having been led, as we believe, by the Holy Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Master; 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, His 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, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel of Christ Jesus our Lord through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour and Master to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will soon as possible, unite with some other orthodox church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word (Λόγος του Θεοῦ), the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.