

2009-2010 Partnership Commitment

Trusting in Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with Arlington Countryside Church's Statement of Faith, I now dedicate myself to unite with the ACC family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other partners to do the following:

I will preserve the unity of our church

- ...by acting in love toward others
- ...by refusing to gossip
- ...by being supportive of leadership

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. *(Ephesians 4:3)*

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the 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... *(Ephesians 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 of no advantage to you. *(Hebrews 13:17)*

I will share the responsibility of our church

- ...by praying for its health
- ...by inviting the unchurched to attend
- ...by warmly welcoming those who visit

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. *(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)*

"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.' " *(Luke 14:23)*

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you... *(Romans 15:7)*

Greet one another with a kiss* of love. *(1 Peter 5:14)*

* A firm handshake is an acceptable alternative!

I will serve the ministry of our church

- ...by discovering my gifts and talents
- ...by being equipped to serve
- ...by developing a servant's heart

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others... *(1 Peter 4: 10)*

[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... *(Ephesians 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... *(Philippians 2:4-5, 7)*

I will support the testimony of our church

- ...by actively participating in worship
- ...by striving to live a godly life
- ...by giving regularly

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. *(Deuteronomy 6:5)*

Let us not give up meeting together... but let us encourage one another... *(Hebrews 10:25)*

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. *(Philippians 1:27)*

On the first day of every week, each of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up... *(1 Corinthians 16:2)*

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Name

Signature

Date

