

# Ministry Covenant

I understand that a covenant is a promise, and a commitment to responsibility and action.



## Qualifications for Ministry at Woodside Bible Fellowship

A life that qualifies for ministry leadership at Woodside Bible Fellowship 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, and 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.

## 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 we are to fully involve ourselves 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 your personal welfare and that of the church. A **list** of some acts of the sinful nature is as follows:

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

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

## **Covenant Acknowledgement**

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 strive to 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 Woodside Bible Fellowship's Statement of Faith
- by complying with Woodside Bible Fellowship's Constitution and By-laws

### **II. I will strive to share the growth of my church**

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

### **III. I will strive to 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

### **IV. I will strive to 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 is counter-productive to the purposes of the church or its ministries

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## **Alternate Volunteer Agreements** (please circle appropriate statement and sign below):

1. I regularly attend another church \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the church), but agree to the above Ministry Covenant as it applies to my own church and also to Woodside Bible Fellowship as long as I serve there.
2. I cannot agree to the above Ministry Covenant at this time but would like to serve in a non-leadership role. I do agree to abstain from any act or attitude that is counter-productive to the purposes of the church or its ministries and to submit to Woodside's leadership while I serve there.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_