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Leader's Covenant, Church Council Leadership Team

At Tavares Community Church, we hold our Church Council Leadership Team in high esteem. They are chosen with great discernment and prayer. In this, we are confident that our Leaders have been select by God to seek God's will for our church in both temporal (buildings, staff....) and spiritual (worship, discipleship, spiritual health of the church....) matters. Church Council Leaders need to Professing Members, Affiliate Members, or Associate Members.

One of the key texts about church leadership is, "*Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. (Hebrews 13:17)*". To be called as a Leader within the Church Council Leadership Team is a calling from God to have weighty authority for which there is great accountability. As those who keep watch over TCC and who must give an account, WE COVENANT with the other members of the Church Council Leadership Team and with the Body of Christ gathered here at Tavares Community Church faithfully with God's help:

The people of TCC expect that all Church Council Leadership Team Leaders will make every effort to be at all Church Council meetings.

Church Council Leadership Team Leaders will:

TO PROTECT THE UNITY OF OUR CHURCH:

By encouraging members/participants to act in love toward each other.

By openly refuse to allow gossip.

By modeling what it looks like to follow church leadership.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, 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, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29



TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR CHURCH:

By leading others to [pray](#) for the growth of our church.

By actively encouraging members/participants to [invite](#) those who have yet to believe to church.

By showing a warm [welcome](#) to those who visit.

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:7

TO SERVE THE MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH:

By ensuring others [discover](#) their gifts and talents.

By ensuring that members/participants [are](#) equipped by church leadership to serve.

By openly [developing](#) a servant's heart.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. Philippians 2:4-5, 7

TO SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF OUR CHURCH:

By [attending](#) worship service and small group regularly.

By [living](#) a godly life.

By [tithing](#) regularly.

Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25



Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel. Philippians 1:27

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. 1 Corinthians 16:2

TO RECOMMIT TO MEMBERSHIP AT TCC EACH YEAR:

By [assessing](#) how well I am keeping TCC's "great expectations." By [planning](#) how I will grow to be more like Jesus this coming year.

By [engaging](#) in my part of the work here at TCC.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. Hebrews 6:10-12

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6

Finally, we heed as well as are encouraged by God's word to us through 2 Peter 3:1-4. *"To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away."* Amen.



Signature

Date