

# **DURHAM MEMORIAL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH MEMBERSHIP & CHURCH GROWTH COVENANT**

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with Durham Memorial's mission, I feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Durham Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church family. In doing so, I freely commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

## **1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH**

- By acting in Christian love toward other members.
- By refusing to gossip.
- By following the pastor, leaders, church government, and episcopal leadership.

“So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.” (Romans 14:19, New Living Translation).

“Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” (Ephesians 4:29, New Living Translation).

“Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.” (Hebrews 13:17 New Living Translation)

## **2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH**

- By praying for its growth
- By inviting the churched and unchurched to attend.
- By warmly welcoming those who visit.

“We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.” (1 Thessalonians 1:2 New Living Translation).

“So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.’” (Luke 14:23-24, New Living Translation).

“Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.” (Romans 15:7, New Living Translation).

## **3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRIES OF MY CHURCH**

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

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” (1 Peter 4:10, New Living Translation).

“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4: 11-12, New Living Translation).

“Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too ... Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. ... “(Philippians 2:3-4, 7, New Living Translation).

#### **4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH**

- By attending faithfully.
- By living a Godly life.
- By giving regularly.

“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:25, New Living Translation).

“Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.” (Philippians 1:27, New Living Translation).

“On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once. “(I Corinthians 16:2, New Living Translation).

““One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy.” (Leviticus 27:30, New Living Translation).

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