

## **Appendix 8**

## **Church Covenant**

I acknowledge that I am a Christian; that I have been saved from the wrath of God solely by His grace through faith in the Lord Jesus alone. I also acknowledge that I have been (or will soon be) baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as a public declaration of my union with Christ's death and resurrection and of my desire to walk with Him in newness of life.

I have attended the Covenant Membership Class, looked through the corresponding material in the Covenant Membership Handbook, and desire to become a Covenant Member of Mercy Hill Church.

Having been saved by grace and continuing now to live by it, I agree with the following:

- 1 I will devote myself to the apostolic *Faith* of this local church as contained in Holy Scripture and crystallized in their confession.
  - a I have read, understand, and fully agree with the Core Confession of Mercy Hill Church.
  - b I have read, understand, and either (i) fully agree with, or (ii) promise not to be divisive over the Doctrinal Distinctives of Mercy Hill Church.
  - c I will regularly seek the Lord in His Word and in prayer.
- 2 I will devote myself to the covenant *Community* of this local church, attempting to truly know and love them and allowing them to truly know and love me.
  - a I have received and read the Relational Commitments of this church and will support and submit to them.
  - b I will pray for the leaders of Mercy Hill and will follow their leadership as they follow Christ.
  - c I will not forsake the gathering of the saints and will do my best to participate in the Sunday Services and in Small Groups throughout the week.
- 3 I will devote myself to the kingdom *Mission* of this local church, offering my time, talents, and treasure for the good of others and the glory of God.
  - a I will seek to proclaim and adorn the gospel of Christ before my family, friends, and neighbors—partnering with Mercy Hill in bringing the good news to San Jose and the nations.
  - b I will contribute cheerfully to the support of this local church, to the care of its members, and to the spread of the gospel both locally and abroad.
  - c I will, if I move from this place, seek to unite with some other church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

I understand that I should not delay to notify an Elder if I have any concerns regarding the church or my membership, or if the Lord is calling me away from Mercy Hill.

Finally, I understand that by signing this covenant I am not committing to fulfill these responsibilities perfectly, but merely acknowledging that it is my sincere desire to fulfill these responsibilities by God's grace. May God be glorified, the church family edified, and the nations blessed by my affiliation with Mercy Hill Church!

Applicant Name:	Signature:	Date: / /
Elder Name:	Signature:	Date: / /