

Machias Valley Baptist Church Covenant

Having been called by the Spirit of God,
to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior,
and on profession of faith,
having been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
we do now in the presence of God and this assembly,
most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant
with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit
to walk together in Christian love;
to strive for the advancement of this Church,
in spiritual knowledge and holiness;
to sustain its worship, ordinances, disciplines, and doctrines;
to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry,
including the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor,
and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions;
to diligently teach the Scriptures to our children;
to seek the salvation of our families and acquaintances;
to walk wisely in the world;
to be just in our dealings, faithful in our interactions,
and exemplary in our behavior;
and in our personal lives to avoid all personal activity that will not glorify God.

We engage to be enthusiastic in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love;
to remember each other in prayer,
to aid each other in sickness and distress;
to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech;
to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation
and mindful of the commands of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that, when we move from this place,
we will as soon as possible unite with some other church
where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant
and the principles of God's Word.