

Covenant of the People of God

"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Hebrews 8: 10

Father, we recognize and accept the covenant to which you have called us. Jesus, we accept your lordship in our lives, we accept your call to be disciples and your commission to teach and make disciples of all people. Holy Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to allowing you to sanctify us, to work the Father's will in us, to form us as individuals into what we were meant to be, and to form us into a people of God. You have destroyed our isolation and have joined us together.

Faithful to our churches and to our primary vows such as marriage, we commit ourselves to each other as brothers and sisters in the Lord, entrusting our lives to him and to each other in him. We promise to build up, exhort, admonish, and to listen to one another, to communicate or call for help when we have a need, to be quick to forgive and to ask forgiveness, and to be a mutual support to each other. We commit ourselves to: loving one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, to faithfulness to our commitments, to regular community prayer, daily prayers, fellowship, teaching, and to our financial responsibility to the community. We agree to recognize the authority of the coordinators; and we agree to support, to pray for, and to submit to them. We will foster the growth of the community by supporting the programs of Christian initiation and formation in community life.

We recognize that by virtue of our membership in The People of God we are also members of The Sword of the Spirit, an international community of communities. We commit ourselves to love and support our brothers and sisters in The Sword of the Spirit throughout the world, and to serve with them in common mission.

We agree to be held to this covenant and to hold one another to it; we regard this as a serious commitment which we enter prayerfully.

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people.