

According to Scripture, leaders in the church are called to live at a higher standard and answer to a holy authority, being examples to the flock and a witness to the lost and broken world (1 Peter 5:2-3). Our lives as leaders are to reflect not only our salvation (forgiveness of sin) but also continued growth in our discipleship to Jesus (sanctification). While we are all sinners who fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), we are called by His grace and through the power of the Holy Spirit to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13-16, 4:1-3).

As a leader of Embrace Church, by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, I commit to:

- *Pursuing an authentic and abiding relationship with Jesus through the practices of Scripture reading, prayer, worship and Christian community. (John 15:1-5)*
- *Maintaining the virtues of gentleness and respect in the midst of a polarizing society with deep racial, political, and socio-economic divides. (1 Peter 3:15)*
- *Pursuing a life of sexual purity, practicing celibacy in singleness and sexual relations only within the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman. (Mark 10:6-9, 1 Corinthians 6:18)*
- *If in marriage, devotion to lifelong mutual health, growth and faithfulness, only pursuing divorce as an alternative when estranged beyond reconciliation and after thoughtful consideration and spiritual counsel. (Mark 10:5-9)*
- *Abstinence from the use of any illegal drugs and, for those of legal age who choose to consume alcohol, judicious use with deliberate and intentional restraint. (Ephesians 5:15-18)*
- *Awareness of the responsibility that goes with "Christian freedom," especially in my actions or situations that could be a stumbling block to others. (1 Corinthians 8:9)*
- *Speaking the truth in love, preserving peace in the body through forgiveness and reconciliation, and refraining from sowing discord and disunity in the church. (Ephesians 4:15,32)*
- *Regularly attending and faithfully praying for our worship gatherings (Hebrews 10:24-25) as well as the practice of generosity in God's kingdom through financially giving to our local church (1 Timothy 6:18-19)*

Printed Name / Signature

Date

The Leadership Covenant is required for any persons entrusted with positions of authority, influence, teaching or leadership within Embrace Church. This includes the roles of: Pastoral and Staff Team, Executive Team, Worship Team, Prayer Team, Kids Ministry Leaders, Youth Ministry Leaders, Community Group Leaders, Serving Team Leaders, and any other teaching roles.