



Original Church Covenant

Adopted at the organizational meeting on October 20, 1825. The original spelling, grammar, and punctuation are intact. Ellipses (...) indicate portions which have not survived.

We do now in the “presents” of God, Angels and Men without the vast known reserve devote ourselves to God choosing Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to be our God and portion for time and eternity promising most solemnly to make His Word the rule of our faith and practice.

We covenant to take heed to ourselves, to our tempers, conversation and company; not to indulge ourselves in passionate revengefull anger but to maintain a prayerful quiet deportment at home and abroad. Not to allow ourselves in lascivious talking, foolish jesting, evil speaking, nor tavern hunting, but to have our conversation and company as becometh the “Gospil” of Christ.

We promise to keep a faithful watch over each other, to provoke each other to love, and good works, to be tender of each other’s person... and... to be just in our dealings both among ourselves and towards all men. And to do good to all men as we have opportunity, especially to the household of faith...

We covenant religiously to observe the Lord’s Day, not to allow ourselves in unnecessarily doing business nor conversation, but constantly to devote the first day of the week to the “publick” and privite duties of religion. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is.

We promise to practice secret prayer and while and whenever we are the head of a family we promise to maintain the worship of God morning and evening in our homes and daily to attend to the Scriptures for the inspiration of our family and use our... to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We covenant to attend to the appointments of the Church, to be at their meetings in good season. ...to unite with our brethren in observing the Communion Supper and all the ordinances of Christ’s house. To maintain “Gospil” discipline, to seek the prosperity of this... Church and the good of the Redeemer’s Kingdom in general.

And should we ever be removed to another part of the world so that we cannot “injoy” the Ordinances of Christ in this particular Church we will endeavor as soon as we have opportunity to be united to some other Church of the same faith and order.

And we solemnly covenant that in whatever part of the world we may live to devote ourselves to God and seek the prosperity of Zion so far as our ability and opportunity permit to the end of Days.

Looking to God for His assistance we severly and unitedly make this solemn Covenant.