



Ministry Participation Covenant

As a follower of Christ seeking to serve at First Church Congregational Boxford, I agree that the following statements are true, and that I will continue to pursue them in the future:

1. I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and believe I have been saved by grace through faith in Him.
2. I agree with and fully support the mission of FCCB and the FCCB statement of beliefs. (Articles II and III of FCCB Bylaws)
3. I am qualified for service and ministry of the Gospel, and I will seek out to follow His precepts and call as outlined in Scripture. (1 Timothy)
4. I commit to have an active devotional life in my time with the Lord and will enter into intentional community with other believers.
5. I willingly submit to the leadership of the pastors, elders, and ministry leaders even if I personally disagree with their decision. Recognizing we live in a fallen world, if I have a significant disagreement with any church leader, I will follow Matthew 18, seek counsel from the pastors and elders, and wisdom from the Lord in order to resolve it.

Signature _____

Date _____

Name _____

Worship Ministry

As one who believes in the music ministry of FCCB and the importance of this mission, I seek to support and pray for the worship leaders (director of Contemporary Worship, Minister of Music, and Special Music) called by God and the church to guide this ministry to glorify Him.

1. Every person who seeks to serve in musical worship will have a time to demonstrate his or her musical aptitude. The worship leaders will observe this time with the elder of worship and/or the pastoral staff to discern if it is a good fit with choir and the worship team. This is done to show support to you and to help leadership in formation. We are invested in you regardless of whether or not the worship team/choir is a good fit and will help you find the best place of service for this season.
2. Vocalists should be able to sing in tune on melody, have a blended tone, and be able to learn or improvise harmonies. Instrumentalists need to be able to follow lead sheets and improvise on chord changes.
3. The Worship leaders are appointed by God and by the church to give direction towards the bigger vision of the church. We thus would ask if you do end up serving that you would willingly submit and trust their leadership. This will help them greatly in building a cohesive team to glorify God.
4. There will be times of feedback and training for all and team-building activities that will help to solidify the unit, as well as required rehearsal times that must be attended.
5. I will live out and demonstrate the call of all believers to be a minister of the gospel, work to glorify God rather than myself, be prepared to perform at services and events that I have been called to, and faithfully support the ministries of FCCB.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

1. The purpose of First Church Congregational Boxford (FCCB/the Church) shall be to bind together followers of Jesus Christ for the purpose of sharing in the worship and work of God, of teaching His Word as recorded in the Holy Bible, both Old and New Testaments, and of fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord to go into the world making disciples of all nations.

ARTICLE III - FAITH AND COVENANT

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

A) STATEMENT OF FAITH: Adapted from the constitution and bylaws of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC).

- I. We believe that there is one God, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- II. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the only inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative Word of God written.
- III. We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- IV. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- V. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling power and fullness the Christian is enabled to live a godly life in this fallen world.
- VI. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved unto the resurrection of life and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- VI. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in Christ.

B) COVENANT: Acknowledging that we belong not to ourselves but to Jesus Christ, who for our sins died and rose again from the dead, we therefore bind ourselves with those of like faith that together we might by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit worship and serve Him and live to the praise of His glory, looking forward to His return.

Matthew 18: 15-20

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”