

NextGen Servant-Leader Covenant

"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary." Galatians 6:9

As a servant-leader in the NextGen programs at Mountain View Christian Church,

I commit to:

- Showing Christ to all students in both the kids (TEAM 4:12) and youth (6th-12th) programs at MVCC.
- To be both an encourager and a corrector. I will both speak the truth and do it in love (Ephesians 4:15).
- I will show courtesy and respect to my fellow servants at all NextGen functions both inside and outside, in the case of a difference of opinion among believers ministering together in this place.
- I further promise to guard the reputation of my fellow believers and co-laborers and not to needlessly expose the details of their lives through my conversation with others.
- I promise to cultivate Christian courtesy in all my relationships; to be slow to give or take offense, and to always be ready for reconciliation, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 18:15-17.
- Being quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.
- Moreover, I purpose, through whatever life may bring, to strive to live for God's glory.

I agree to uphold the following doctrinal stances of MVCC's bylaws as outlined below.

- We believe in one God, revealed in three Persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-19).
- We believe God, in the Person of the Father, is all-knowing (Hebrews 4:13), all-powerful (Matthew 19:26), and perfect Deity (Colossians 2:9) who created the universe and still rules it today.
- We believe God, in the Person of the Son Jesus Christ, took human form, lived a sinless life on earth, died for the sins of all mankind, rose again from the grave, ascended into Heaven and will return again according to the Scriptures. (John 1:14, Philippians 2:5-8)
- We believe God, in the Person of the Holy Spirit, indwells those who have accepted salvation by faith, and has been baptized. (John 14:16-17, Acts 2:38)
- We believe Satan exists (I Peter 5:8) and that Heaven (II Corinthians 5:1-2, Matthew 6:9, and Hell (Mark 9:43-47) are real.
- We believe the 66 traditional books contained in the Bible (II Timothy 3:16-17), historically accepted by Protestant churches, are inspired by God and together the Bible is accurate in all that it teaches and is the final authority for our congregation in matters of faith, doctrine, teaching, and lifestyle.
- We believe every human being capable of discriminating between right and wrong choices is nevertheless an imperfect human being, and as such needs the forgiveness and restoration God provides through Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the grave. (John 3:16, Romans 6:4-7)
- We believe salvation (John 3:16, Titus 2:11) is offered by God's grace and comes through a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that continues throughout one's life. This commitment begins by accepting Christ as Lord and Savior by faith, including being baptized into Christ through immersion in water. (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:3-4)

I will continue to show growth in:

- *Maturity* – I will foster and continue to pursue personal spiritual growth. (Colossians 2:6-7; Ephesians 5:7-10)

- *Ministry* – Pursuit of my personal spiritual gifts and to influence and serve others on during all events at church, in the community, and the world. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

- *Integrity* – Pursue a holy and pure life, representing Christ in a worthy manner. This includes all my relationships with fellow believers, family, and my community. (1 Peter 1:15)

We believe the Bible defines marriage as an institution sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Mark 10:6-9, Ephesians 5:31) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Corinthians 7:1-2) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. (1 Corinthians 7:1-40, Mark 10:6-12)

- *Family* – faithfully pursue God's design for singlehood, marriage, and/or parenting as revealed and taught in scriptures. (Matthew 19:4-6; Exodus 20:12,14, 1 Corinthians 7:25-38)

- *Participation* – To trust and support the mission, vision, strategies and philosophy of MVCC through active and consistent involvement. (Philippians 1:3-5)

- *Follow* – Submit to the authority of the Elders' leadership at MVCC. (Hebrews 13:17)

- *Support* – Support, through worshipful giving, and commitments of the Church by practicing generosity and biblical stewardship. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

As a servant-leader at MVCC, I agree to be accountable to God (2 Corinthians 5:10), his bride the church, and myself. In seeking to be a better servant-leader I am open to constructive critique (Ephesians 4:15-16), questions, and confrontation when necessary. I will serve with humility and openness understanding that my work is unto God (Colossians 3:23). I will ask that everyone follow my example as I follow the example of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1)

I recognize that if I cannot in good conscience affirm the doctrinal and policy statements above, it is my duty to remove myself from any ministry. If I fail to remove myself, I understand that I can be asked by the Elders of MVCC to step away from ministry for a season to work on personal growth and correct any issue that may arise.

This is my commitment as a NextGen Leader at MVCC.