

Conservative Baptist Mission to the Northeast Member Church Covenant*

In partnership for the gospel of Christ, to the glory of God the Father, and by the power of the Spirit, as a member church of CB Mission Northeast, we covenant to:

1. Faithfully uphold our core beliefs, values, and polity as stated in CBMNE's Statement of Faith and Bylaws.
2. Celebrate our diversity and the uniqueness of each local church ministry; graciously treating each other with love, encouraging, protecting, and supporting one another.
3. Prioritize our church's mission to be a Great Commission community energized with Great Commandment passion, seeking to reach people for Christ, impact our communities, and multiply churches.
4. Actively participate in our association by sharing our strengths, energy, and resources in ministry to each other, bringing greater health to our churches.
5. Strengthen and support our pastors and leaders by enabling their active participation in cluster fellowships, leadership development, and by using their gifts and talents to serve the greater body of Christ.
6. Generously support our association through regular financial contributions and by praying for our Regional Staff and our CB churches in our area.
7. Humbly receive the ministry of others as they seek to strengthen us and to give them permission to hold us accountable to this covenant if they perceive within us aloofness, independence, or competitiveness.

Adopted by the congregation on _____ Authorized Signature: _____
Church Name: _____ City, State: _____

Complete Only After Adoption by CBMNE

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1: a usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement: compact

2 a: a written agreement or promise usually under seal between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action

Upon entering a covenant relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ, every believer is placed into a covenant community with all true believers, known as the body of Christ. Local churches represent covenant communities of which each believer is to be an active member. In turn, these churches may enter into a covenant community with one another.

A covenant is a statement expressing how members of a covenantal community define their reciprocal commitments and expectations. It is not the same as a contract and does not constitute legal ties and liabilities. Contracts deal with things and services. Covenants deal with people and relationships. Families and friends enact them. God witnesses the terms of covenants and acts as the One who stands behind their vows and promises.

Our covenant instructs us in the nature of our unity as churches together under God's new covenant of grace. It helps us shape our regional culture around our shared doctrine, mission, vision, and core values.