

# A Renewal of Commitment

We the undersigned declare that we belong to an open fellowship within St. Michael's that commits to spiritual discipline as a way of underpinning the life and missional vision of our parish. Members of this fellowship covenant to mutual accountability and support around five commitments:

- Prayer – for each other, our church and our world
- Bible study – towards maturity in Christ together
- Service – inside and outside the church
- Evangelism – actively seeking to present the Gospel message as God gives opportunity
- Openness to God – living as disciples of Christ such that everything we are and have is radically available to God.

Further, in signing this covenant we declare our intention, with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ through his Spirit, to keep these commitments, both individually and together, through a mix of the following:

- regular personal prayer and bible study
- prayer partnerships with others in the parish
- mutual encouragement / caring / engagement in each other's lives:
  - day-to-day, week-to-week
  - participating in at least three out of four retreats each year
  - regular church worship attendance
  - participation in a parish Life Group and/or parish bible studies (e.g. lent)
- participation in some form of compassionate service either within or outside the church (in addition to service within our daily work and careers)
- sacrificial giving to support the parish mission and ministry
- an annual renewal of this covenant in a service of commitment
- other disciplines which deepen our life together as followers of Jesus.

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