

## COUNCIL MEMBER COVENANT 2022-2023

*As spiritual leaders in our congregation we must demonstrate by example Godly Christian relationships, attitudes, and behavior. As members of the church council, we commit ourselves to:*

1. Pray daily for members of the church council, our pastor, staff and the ministry of Zion.
2. Seek **God's** will through faith.
3. Speak respectfully to and about each other in all contexts.
4. Address and resolve conflicts biblically, directly and quickly.
5. Maintain a **positive** attitude.
6. Extend forgiveness when offended and carry no grudges.
7. Care for other council members when they are having difficulty and offer to assist as you are able.
8. Come to all council meetings prepared, informed, and in prayerful dependence upon the Holy Spirit for wisdom.
9. Once the council decides on an issue, plan or process, we agree to support the decision fully. If unable to do so, one must be willing to resign.
10. As a representative of Zion, be honest in all dealings and discussions, voluntarily identifying potential conflicts of interest and never pursuing one's personal agenda.
11. Hold all council discussions in complete confidence until the council decides to disburse information.
12. Study God's Word regularly.
13. Worship faithfully.
14. Be a spiritual leader.
15. Lead by Biblical example.
16. Attend and participate in congregational events regularly.
17. Support Zion's pastor, the staff and their families; with your continued encouragement and prayer.
18. Listen to the congregation but don't react.
19. **Encourage** rather than discourage.

- 20.** Plan ahead and communicate openly, clearly and timely to the council, staff and the congregation.
- 21.** Will be fingerprinted and provide updated background check on a **Biennial** basis (every two years).
- 22.** Hold one another accountable to this covenant.

1. \*This Continuing Resolution was approved by Zion's Church Council at it's November 9, 2021 council meeting.