



District Affiliated Pastor Covenant

Year

Section 1 – Covenant

I covenant to be part of the Southern Missouri District vision and strategy, make decisions with my SoMo team, and be an integral part of the SoMo family.

Section 2 – Expectations of DA Pastor

Declaration of Purpose and Faith

- I will dream and believe the impossible for God.
- I will pray every day that God will use me and my ministry to reach our community for His kingdom.

My Relationship with the District Leadership

- As a DA pastor I understand I am part of SoMo District and its governing ordinances and corporate bylaws, and am part of the SoMo team (superintendent, executive secretary, executive presbyter, presbyter, sectional committee, and district leadership).
- I will uplift, in action and in prayer, the fellow members of my SoMo District and I expect in turn the section and district will hold me up in prayer and action.
- I understand that I will make myself available to and participate in the district’s revitalization process, knowing how critical continued learning is to my ministry.
- I understand that I have a responsibility to give my input and make my abilities available to the district and receive their input in return. I am not an island to myself.
- I understand that my church and I are a part of the Assemblies of God, and that I will embrace a positive and loving attitude toward my district and fellowship.

Accountability

- I will be careful to stay connected with my leadership so that I am not isolated from my fellowship.
- My ministry may be somewhat removed at times because of logistics and time schedules. I understand it is my responsibility to seek opportunities to stay connected to the section and leadership as a whole.

Administration

- I understand that I will fulfill my fiduciary duties and keep my board informed with monthly bank statements, the quarterly progress reports, maintain background checks of volunteers with minors, and maintain property and liability insurances where required.
- I understand that I will develop a church ministry team to assist me in facilitating and serving in the various ministry capacities, including financial accountability. This team is not part of the official church board but rather is a support group to help me in the work of the kingdom.

Missions as a Core Value

- I understand that my church will make missions a priority, giving to missions as a matter of principle and knowing that God will bless us in return. Our church will endeavor to give at least a sum annually equal to 10% of the tithe, through special missions offerings and an annual missions convention or emphasis, and then if necessary from the general fund to equal 10% of the tithe. At least 50% of missions giving will be toward AG monthly missionary support.

Goals and Expectations

- I understand that fulfilling this covenant enables my continued ministry at this church.
- My goal, along with my district leadership, is to grow my church in health and ministry, becoming at the appropriate time a General Council church.

Section 3 – Expectations of Sectional Leadership

Covering and Accountability

- My sectional board (presbyter, assistant presbyter, and secretary-treasurer) will stay connected with me and will hold me up in prayer, adding value to my ministry.
- My board will be available to me and will assist me in pursuing excellence in my pastoral ministry.

Administration

- My board will, as part of the annual budget process, review my salary and make recommendations for an increase as is appropriate, advocating on my behalf.
- My board will make sure that my church participates in Pastor Appreciation Month.

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Date

Church Name