

A Behaviour Covenant for a Church Council

Our Promises to God

We promise to pray, alone and together, to thank God and to ask for God's help in our lives and in our work for our Church, and we promise to listen to God's answer to us.

Our Promises to Our Church Family

We promise to demonstrate our leadership and commitment to our Church by our example.

We promise to support our Church pastors and staff so that their efforts can be most productive.

We promise to try to discover what is best for our Church as a whole, not what may be best for us or for some small group in the Church.

Our Promises to Each Other on the Church Council

We promise to respect and care for each other.

We promise to treat our time on Church Council as an opportunity to make an important gift to our Church.

We promise to listen with an open, non-judgmental mind to the words and ideas of the others in our Church and on the Church Council.

We promise to discuss, debate, and disagree openly in Church Council meetings, expressing ourselves as clearly and honestly as possible, so that we are certain that the Church Council understands our point of view.

We promise to support the final decision of the Church Council, whether it reflects our view or not.