The COVENANT
of the REGIONAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE

In the name of God, we whose names are underwritten, Christian leaders in ministry, in education, in the arts, in government and in the marketplace of industry and commerce, believing that God's heart and commandment is for his people to be "one" – united in faith, love and purpose in his son Jesus Christ (John 13:34-35, 17:20-23; Ephesians 4:1-16, 2 Chronicles 7:14) – do solemnly enter into the following covenant with God and one another:

We covenant to hold unswervingly to the articles of common faith of the Regional Church of Baltimore—which articles, we believe, are a true reflection of the revelation in God's holy word, the Bible.

We covenant to recognize and affirm the gifts, calling and purpose of each congregation, ministry, business, organization and individual which unequivocally names Jesus as Lord and maintains the standards of historic Christian faith—whether joined with us in this covenant or not (Mark 9:38-41).

We covenant, in regard to those who covenant with us, to commit ourselves to practical, relational fellowship and partnership in the Kingdom of God, praying diligently for one another, walking with one another, and giving of ourselves that each and all may succeed in the call of God upon our lives (Phil. 2:1-4).

We covenant to never slander any Christian church, group or individual inside or outside of our fellowship, publicly or privately. Should some area of questionable practice or doctrine manifest within the fellowship of the Regional Church of Baltimore, we hereby agree to address all issues privately with the parties involved as commanded in scripture (Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1-2).

We covenant to honor the autonomy, authority, discipline, government, culture and practices of our fellowship's individual congregations, ministries and organizations while growing in our understanding and appreciation of the same.

We covenant to encourage true Christian fellowship and partnership among congregations throughout the Body of Christ in our region by leading our people into the vision of biblical unity. We will pray for unity and lead our people in prayer for unity. We will seek to protect and preserve the unity of the spirit and bond of peace provided by our Lord Jesus Christ. We will support unity by giving financially to the work of Christian unity in Lancaster County and by generosity to others within the Body of Christ. We will preach unity, teach unity and model unity before the church and the world.

As we covenant to live, love and labor together for the Kingdom of God in Regional Church of Baltimore, we commit our gifts, callings, resources (human and material), and spheres of influence to strengthen the Regional Church of Baltimore for God's pleasure and glory, expecting a great and glorious harvest of eternal souls.

I, _____, do this day _____ sign this covenant as a free and full commitment to the biblical vision of Christian unity in Regional Church of Baltimore. So help me, God.