

Restoration Covenant

Covenant agreement made between (Name, N) and the (Bishop)

This covenant is made acknowledging that the grace of God makes possible forgiveness, restoration and personal transformation. Both parties are committed to seek restoration, the healing of damaged relationships, a growth in understanding, and a discovery of acceptable ministry opportunities while maintaining the standards of the church.

Within this covenant, the Bishop shall:

1. Document a clear pathway by which (N) can move toward restoration of appropriate ministry.
2. Seek to encourage (N) towards restoration.
3. Provide a restoration group to guide and support (N) on this journey.
4. Work to ensure issues are carefully resolved and relationships are reconciled wherever possible.
5. Provide opportunities for (N) to be equipped with strategies and accountabilities that enable acceptable ministry.
6. Give consideration of the recommendation of the restoration group at the completion of the process and respond in writing to (N)'s application for restoration.

Within this covenant, (N) shall:

1. Through earnest repentance, seek the forgiveness of God and the body of Christ.
2. In the spirit of repentance submit to the counsel of the restoration group.
3. Meet with the group at the times mutually agreed upon and with integrity and transparency respond as requested.
4. Seek to implement strategies of growth and accountability that may provide the basis of ongoing ministry.
5. Acknowledge that in entering into this covenant there is no absolute guarantee that restoration to formal ministry will be the outcome.

Before God, both parties commit themselves to this process:

Person seeking restoration: _____

Bishop: _____

Date: _____