

[Your Parish Logo]

## ***Agreement of Commitment between***

*Name of Congregation, ELCA and Church Council Members*

Because we are **growing** in our experience of the joy of God's redeeming love given to us in Christ Jesus, **remembering** that God blesses us with gifts to share with others for God's mission to the world, and **trusting** that the Holy Spirit works through the ministries of this church, we who are called to serve on this council will:

1. Pray daily for the ministries of this parish, and specifically for the work of the church council;
2. Practice generous giving of our selves, our time, and our possessions as a spiritual discipline (i.e. grow to and/or beyond the Biblical standard of returning the first tenth to the Lord);
3. Hold the parish accountable to its mission statement and guiding principles and use the goals and strategies of the synod as a model to shape all decisions and tasks;
4. Provide leadership within our parish by participating in activities, building relationships with this parish's disciples and leaders, and assisting the pastor(s)/pastoral leaders and staff as needed when issues arise;
5. Serve together as a partner in both discernment and joys, concerns and mission with the Pastor, Staff and Leadership Teams;
6. Prepare for and faithfully attend all meetings of the church council, focusing on fulfilling the responsibilities as listed in \_\_\_\_\_(name)'s constitution;
7. Work to support the final decisions of the church council and seek to promote the mission of the parish with those with whom we come in contact;
8. Cultivate relationships through prayer, worship and conversation thus reflecting our unity in the of body of Christ, and;
9. Look at ways to expand our relationship and service as active members of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, building relationship with neighboring parishes and attending synod events and extended activities when possible throughout the synod.