

Branchline Board of Overseers Covenant

As members of the board, we agree together to serve our Lord and the church in a way that pleases him and advances the kingdom of God. These descriptions are ways in which we conduct ourselves as followers of Jesus Christ and servant leaders of Branchline Church. It is not a complete list but serves as an illustration of the types of servant leaders we strive to be and become.

First and foremost, this is spiritual leadership. We affirm a deep and growing faith, trustworthiness in our actions and speech, unity in purpose, and submission to proper authority as servant leaders. We function under established guidelines and hold one another accountable in our conduct and character. We are not the authority for the church. We serve as servants of the church and the kingdom of God.

We love God

- Faith in Christ is an essential prerequisite for serving
- We are men and women of Prayer, believing that God will do far more than we can in our own strength
- Each of us are committed to our own growing relationship with Jesus

We speak truth and defend the honor of others

- We tell the truth and refrain from any half-truths or deceitfulness
- We refrain from gossip and strive to eliminate it when it is heard within our church.
- We treat confidential information as a sacred trust

We serve our congregation as a united team

- We may differ from one another within meetings, but once agreed, we all embrace and champion the decision
- We recognize that unity doesn't mean uniformity. We each have different experiences, gifts, and abilities which we use in submission to one another so that the common good is advanced
- We will not be afraid to enter into conflict, but we will do it wisely, gently, and skillfully
- We are united in our purpose, vision, mission, and strategies

We submit to authority

- We are accountable to one another and willingly give and receive correction
- We submit to the constitution, by-laws and authority structures of the church
- We strive for the work of the church rather than our own personal ministries or agendas

We are people of Character

- We have servant heads, hearts and hands
- We encourage one another and our ministries
- We develop healthy families
- We share with one another about our walk with Christ

We know our calling and give ourselves to it

- We follow established procedures
- We come to meetings prepared and on time
- We guard and love the pastor(s), the staff, and ministry leaders
- We serve as shepherds to the flock under our care
- We make decisions (even difficult ones) in a timely manner
- We focus on the big picture rather than minutiae
- We seek to select and develop future leaders

Signed by the Board members on _____

