



## Water's Edge Community Church

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## Water's Edge Leadership Covenant (Pastor/Elder)

"Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers; not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock . . ." 1 Peter 5:2-3.

The elders of Water's Edge Community Church hereby covenant with our brothers and sisters in Christ to lead this church family by the following biblical principles:

1. We will seek to live our lives, through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, in a manner worthy of Christ, the cross, and our calling as servants of the body before Jesus Christ—the head of the church (Phi. 1:27; 1 Tim. 4:12; 3:1-7; Col. 1:18).
2. We will seek to lead by example while taking seriously the call to give an account for your spiritual well-being before God (1 Peter 5:1-5; Heb. 13:17).
3. We will seek to preach, teach, and counsel in accordance with the divinely inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 4:2; 3:16-17).
4. We will seek to guard diligently against false teachers or deceptive individuals who seek to divide and deceive the body (Acts 20:28-31; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Rom. 16:17-19).
5. We will seek to love and care for you as Christ loves the church and gave His life for her (Eph. 5:25; 1 Thess. 2:7-8; 1 Jn. 3:16).
6. We will seek to be faithful in equipping, encouraging, and challenging you to become all that God has called you to be in Christ Jesus (Eph. 4:11-13).
7. We will seek to be faithful in implementing chastisement, rebuke, and church discipline when necessary, for both the body and ourselves, for the edification and sanctification of our fellowship (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5; Gal. 1:6; 1 Tim. 19-20; Gal. 6:1).
8. We will seek to be faithful in praying for you, especially in times of sickness and trial (Jm. 5:14).
9. We will seek to honor, cherish, and protect the testimony God desires to establish through this local body of believers (1 Tim. 3:14-16).
10. We will seek to always submit ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit in discerning and fulfilling God's mission and vision. (Acts 16:6; Jn. 16:13, 1 Cor. 2:13).



