



**THE REVISED CHURCH COVENANT
OF THE
ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

Proposed for adoption by the membership of Alfred Street Baptist Church by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee at a called Church meeting on October 18, 2017, to become effective _____
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7 Having been led, as I believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my
8 Savior; and on the profession of my faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son,
9 and of the Holy Spirit, I do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and
10 joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.
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12 I engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for
13 the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in my affections, prayers
14 and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline
15 and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered me, towards its expenses, for
16 the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the
17 Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, I will strive to avoid a
18 contentious spirit, and if I cannot unanimously agree, I will cheerfully recognize the right of the
19 majority to govern.
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21 I also engage to maintain congregational and personal devotion; to study diligently the word of
22 God; to religiously educate my children; to seek the salvation of my kindred and acquaintances; to
23 walk circumspectly in my world; to be kind and just to those in my employ, and faithful in the service I
24 promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all men to exemplify and
25 commend my holy faith.
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27 I further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good
28 word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to
29 participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to
30 cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready to reconciliation,
31 being mindful of the rules of the Savior in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without
32 delay; and through life, amid good and evil report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called
33 us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
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35 When I remove from this place, I will endeavor, as soon as possible to unite with some other
36 church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.
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38 I have read the Articles, Constitution, and Bylaws, including but not limited to those policies
39 dealing with church discipline, conflict resolution, and members' privileges and responsibilities and
40 agree to be bound by the Articles, Constitution and Bylaws.
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