

RENEWING OUR COVENANT • RENEWING OUR FAITH

Dear Friends,

As days grow shorter and greyer, the CCMI building becomes briefly haunted, and we prepare for Thanksgiving and look forward to Advent. And, most significantly for us as a faith family, CCMI members and friends spend time reflecting on our faith journey during the previous year and, after prayer and reflection, we offer our written reflections, our intentions to participate in the ongoing life of this church and our intended financial support, all in the form of a covenant.

The fact that this mailing has reached you means that you are believed to be a part of this church family and valued as such. Preparing a Covenant is not a requirement for membership in this church, rather it is an opportunity to take stock within yourself of what you can do to further your own spiritual growth and also to support CCMI in having both the financial means and also the equally valuable use of time and talents from those people that consider this their worship place. Each of us ministers in a way we feel called to serve and we want to hear how you feel called. Our faith, our gifts/our talents and our presence are integral parts of the foundation of building the Body of Christ. And your financial pledge or your commitment to tithe helps us to prepare a budget to carry out God's Word in the coming year.

We are all familiar with yearly pledge drives. Whether it's for our favorite radio station or our children's schools, we understand the value of supporting the people and organizations that matter in our lives. Please show CCMI that support in the return of these covenants to help plan our upcoming year. The Covenant form is enclosed, with three components: the first being the intentional written statement of what nourishes and sustains you as it relates to your faith journey; the second is how you and your family (if applicable) will financially support this faith community by pledge or tithe, and the final component is how you see yourself in the coming year supporting the ministries of CCMI, what you feel called to do and energized by as an area of service.

Covenant Sunday is November 20th. On that day, please bring your completed covenant to place in the collection basket or in the Diaconate mailbox in the office. (Please remember to sign your name on ALL pages.) If you have any questions about this process, please speak with anyone on the Diaconate—John Nelson, Betty Trachy, Gayle Layman, Erich Parce, myself or Pastor Mark.

In Christ's name,



Barbara Miller
Diaconate Chair

Congregational Church on Mercer Island 2012 Covenant Form

Financial Support

It is necessary to gather pledge information to support the Church's operating budget for the coming year. This form is used by members who choose to make a financial covenant with the Church. Contributions may be made weekly, monthly or periodically as desired.

Contributions to the Church are tracked by the Financial Secretary, who will mail you a year-end contribution report in January. If you want to receive a quarterly statement in addition to your annual report, please make a check mark in the space below. If you have any questions about pledges, please feel free to contact the Financial Secretary.

I, _____ pledge the following amount to the General
(please print your name) Operating Fund:
\$_____ per year.

Family members represented:

___ I would like to receive quarterly pledge statements in addition to my annual statement.

Signature	Date
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Congregational Church on Mercer Island 2012 Covenant Form

Please complete the items on this page, choose Service Areas from the list on page 2, and complete the Financial Support form.

NOTE: All of this information is completely confidential, read only by the Pastor, Diaconate Chair, or Financial Secretary, as appropriate. Thank you and God bless!

The Nature of My Personal Covenant with God and This Faith Community (elements of my personal history that affect this year's Covenant)

In my covenant with God/Christ/Spirit I... **and** In my covenant with this church, I...
This is the place to articulate your beliefs, your goals for the coming year, concerns we need to be aware of, etc.

Spiritual disciplines I want to participate in (check all that apply).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Worship regularly | <input type="checkbox"/> Join/start a Bible Study Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Be a confirmation mentor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray regularly | <input type="checkbox"/> Make use of /join a Prayer Chain | <input type="checkbox"/> Invite new people to visit CCMI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meditate | <input type="checkbox"/> Tithe your financial resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Share your faith with others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choose a Spiritual Mentor | <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Sabbath time each week | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a visitor to talk about CCMI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choose a Prayer Partner | <input type="checkbox"/> Read a book that feeds your soul | <input type="checkbox"/> Make follow-up calls to visitors to CCMI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sing with the Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Go on a retreat | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend the men's breakfast group |

Areas where I wish to grow as a leader or participant

Gifts and energy that I wish to leave fallow this year

What other ideas, issues, goals, or concerns do you wish to share?

Signature	Print Name
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NAME (please print):

Areas of Service

Because we are a small church, please commit to several areas in which you can serve. Church Officers

- Moderator
- Treasurer
- Financial Secretary
- Youth Representative
- Recording Secretary

COMMITTEES

- Christian Education
- Communications
- Denominational Affairs
- Diaconate
- Fellowship Committee
- New Member Ministry
- Personnel Committee
- Social Outreach Committee
- Stewardship
- Trustees

DIACONATE MINISTRY

- Serve as a Worship Leader
- Serve as an Usher/Candlelighter
- Serve as a Greeter
- Serve communion
- Act as point person for the Prayer Chain
- Make a banner
- Bring flowers for the Altar
- Transport members who need rides
- Help a Church member with minor home repairs
- Prepare and bring food to members in crisis
- Join the Soup Group
- Visit a shut-in member

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- Volunteer as substitute Sunday School Teacher
- Lead BBC adult class
- Direct/teach Vacation Bible School
- Teach summer Sunday School
- Chaperone Youth Group
- Coordinate a Youth Group service project
- Help recruit volunteers
- Create a bulletin board display
- Organize a children's play
- Organize Easter egg hunt

NEW MEMBER MINISTRY

- Welcome visitors
- Arrange for potential member education
- Arrange new member introduction and celebration
- Assist the office with publicity for church events

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, FINANCIAL (TRUSTEES)

- Help with interior/exterior maintenance projects
- Change light bulbs
- Plant flowers
- Maintain front flower bed/landscaping
- Obtain bids for new equipment
- Participate in monthly work parties for church yard maintenance

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

- Serve coffee and snacks after worship
- Assist in the kitchen during meals
- Help maintain the kitchen
- Work on a particular fellowship event, for example:

- Assist in fundraisers, welcomes & farewells
- Invite to brunch/dinner a Church member you don't know well
- Attend Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

- Make and take meals to Sophia Way
- Help out with the Adopt-a-Highway Program
- Sponsor a child through Global Ministries
- Support Outreach monthly drives
- Knit hats for the homeless
- Donate toiletries to Compass Center

OTHER EVENTS

- Organize a Men's or Women's Retreat
- Organize a special-interest or activity group
- Attend Fellowship Functions/Cong. Meeting

Other special talents or gifts you wish to share