

Lakeside Church - Haliburton – Member’s Covenant

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Lakeside Church – Haliburton (operating as Lakeside Baptist Church) is a part of the universal church of Jesus Christ. We are a local church which is often described in the Bible as a body of Christ. The metaphor of body is helpful because we all understand how a body works, each part or member of a body has a unique and important role¹. The hand has a different role than a foot which has a different role than a heart or liver or any other organ. However, we depend upon every member of our body to function in their own unique way if we want to live a healthy life. In a similar way, for Lakeside to experience healthy church life, we need each member to participate in the function or role that God has prepared for each of us to do².

Throughout Scripture we see that when people agreed together on a common undertaking or purpose, and when people entered into a relationship with God, they expressed their relationship by means of a covenant. A covenant delineates the duties and commitments that each party makes and can expect from the other. The purpose of this covenant is to provide an understanding of what we can expect from each other and what we each commit to before God and the Body of Christ at Lakeside as we serve God and His people together.

As a Member of Lakeside Church – Haliburton, I affirm the following:

- I trust only in the finished work of Jesus Christ, His death on the cross and His resurrection for my salvation³.
- I believe that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was on my behalf in my place⁴
- I have died and been raised to new life in Christ and have given confirmation of this by being baptized by immersion before witnesses⁵.

As a Member of Lakeside Church – Haliburton, I covenant before God and my church family that I will make every effort to live out the following:

- I will love God with all my heart, soul and mind, and to love those I encounter as I love myself⁶.
- I will pursue righteousness in my life through developing my relationship with God by spending time consistently with Him in prayer and reading His Word⁷
- I will live a life that is obedient to the Word of God and honours Him in all that I do⁸.
- I will confess my sin to God and to those I have sinned against⁹
- I will forgive those that sin against me¹⁰
- I will live in harmony with others I come in contact with¹¹
- I will abstain from participating in slander or any form of gossip¹²
- I will not abuse alcohol or other drugs¹³
- I will honour God through just living and ethical business practices¹⁴
- I will honour my body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and thus my sexual expression will only be in a Biblical marriage between one man and one woman¹⁵.
- I will submit to the authority of the jurisdictions in which I live by obeying the laws of the land (where they do not conflict with scripture)¹⁶
- I have read the Statement of Faith of Lakeside Church – Haliburton and will submit to it
- I will submit to the by-law and all other governing documents of Lakeside Church – Haliburton
- I will fulfill my responsibilities as a Member of Lakeside Church – Haliburton by attending and participating in all Business meetings of the church as I am able
- I will submit to the authority of the Board of Elders and Pastoral Staff and all levels of leadership to whom authority has been delegated¹⁷
- I am committed to the unity of the church and will strive to support the unity of Lakeside by my words and my actions, nevertheless I will speak the truth in love and concern for others¹⁸
- I will support Lakeside by praying for the church¹⁹; giving generously to the financial needs of the church²⁰; and serving in the church according to the gifts God has given me²¹

Name (please print)

Date

Signature

Witness

¹ **Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)** ⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

² **Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)** ¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

³ **1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)** For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

⁴ **Romans 5:9-10 (NIV)** Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

⁵ **Romans 6:3-4 (NIV)** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁶ **Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)** ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

⁷ **Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)** ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

⁸ **John 14:21 (NIV)** ²¹ Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

⁹ **1 John 1:8-9 (NIV)** ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ **Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)** ¹⁴ For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

¹¹ **1 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV)** ⁸ Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

¹² **Ephesians 4:30-32 (NIV)** ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

¹³ **Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)** ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit

¹⁴ **Micah 6:8 (NIV)** ⁸ He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

¹⁵ **1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (NIV)** ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

¹⁶ **Romans 13:1 (NIV)** ¹ Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

¹⁷ **Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)** Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

¹⁸ **Ephesians 4:25-32 (NIV)** ²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ... ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

¹⁹ **Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)** And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

²⁰ **2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV)** Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

²¹ **1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)** Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.