



Relational Covenant

As a member of a spiritual community of disciples and followers of Jesus Christ, and a member of the local expression of the Body of Christ in the world known as Hereford Faith & Life Church, we affirm and abide by John Wesley's **Three Simple Rules: Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.** I therefore make this faithful commitment to live and relate to others in the following ways:

DO NO HARM

- + To walk hand in hand even though we may not always see eye to eye. *Colossians 3:15-16*
- + To accept disagreement, conflict and evaluation as normal and natural in relationships. *Philippians 4:2-3*
- + To give and receive only good reports about others and refrain from gossip, rumor and slander – and will gently stop others when they do it. *2 Thess. 3:11-12*
- + To commit to being inconvenienced for the sake of the Gospel. *Philippians 2:5-11*
- + I will follow the guidelines for resolving conflict found in Matthew 18:15-17 and abide by SPRC protocol for dealing with conflicts that cannot be resolved privately.

DO GOOD

- + To be kind, encouraging and to build each other up. *1 Thessalonians 5:11*
- + To respect and honor each member, the pastor, and leadership of the church – especially each person's right to privacy when discussing painful and difficult subjects. *1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*
- + To seek to communicate clearly, completely and directly. *Ephesians 4:14-16*
- + To listen carefully with full attention, without interruption or contradiction. *James 1:19-20*
- + To approach problems and conflicts with integrity and as opportunities to glorify God. *Philippians 3:15-17*
- + To seek to discover what is best for our church as a whole - not what may be best for me or for some small group in the church. *Philippians 2:3-6*
- + To believe the best of each other and give each other the benefit of the doubt. *Philippians 4:8-10; 1 Corinthians 13*

STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD

- + To seek to be, as a body, in prayer and submission to the Holy Spirit. *1 Thess. 5:16-19*
- + To look to the scriptures for guidance. *Acts 2:42-47*
- + To offer all conflicts to God remembering how God relates to us with love, grace, mercy and forgiveness – and I will give the same to others.