



Covenant Marriage Congregation Registration Process

THE COVENANT

“Believing that marriage is a covenant intended by God to be a lifelong fruitful relationship between a man and a woman, we vow to God, to each other, our families and our community to remain steadfast in unconditional love, reconciliation and sexual purity, while purposefully growing in our covenant marriage relationship.”

CMM VISION STATEMENT

In recognition of the movement of God to restore the sacredness of marriage, we purpose to call individual couples, families, churches, communities, the nation, and the world back to an understanding and practice of marriage as covenant, which is the foundation of society, for God’s glory.

CMM MISSION STATEMENT

To restore churches and society to an understanding and practice of marriage as covenant by applying the timeless principles of God’s Word.

Purpose of this material-

- To provide adequate information to the local congregation for considering God’s will in their participation in the Covenant Marriage Movement
- To initiate the process for a local congregation to become affiliated with the Covenant Marriage Movement as a Covenant Marriage Congregation.
- To keep the initial process simple and convenient.
- To initiate the process for providing ongoing assistance to the local Congregation as it grows and matures as a Covenant Marriage Congregation (CMC.)
- To provide a means through which a local congregation can network with other Covenant Marriage Congregations.

The Church Registration Process for the Local Church-

Step #1- Initial Actions By The Local Church

--Pray earnestly for the leadership of the Holy Spirit as the Church considers its commitments in becoming a Covenant Marriage Congregation (CMC.)

--Obtain, and carefully and prayerfully review the information packet about the Covenant Marriage Movement for the purpose of formulating a recommendation of support for the Covenant Marriage Movement.

--Present the concept of becoming a Covenant Marriage Congregation to the Church leadership for their consideration with the intention of recommending action by the Church. Assistance with this step can be obtained through the CMM office.

--Have the church by regular due process formally act to become a Covenant Marriage Congregation. The four foundational requirements for the church to be considered as a CMC are:

- 1) Adopt the Covenant Marriage Statement as the church's official stance regarding marriage;
- 2) Select or elect by the regular processes of the Church, a Registered Covenant Marriage Couple as Covenant Marriage Movement Coordinators for the Church;
- 3) Commit to developing additional opportunities for ministering to married couples as God provides direction; and,
- 4) Upon favorable (preferably near consensus) action by the Church, submit the application for registration with proper signatures and contact information to CMM for Registration as a Covenant Marriage Congregation. (In doing so you are giving permission for the CMM to list your church, with contact information, as one of the thousands of congregations across the nation and around the world that believes and support Covenant Marriage and the Covenant Marriage Movement).

Step #2- Affirmation & Public Recognition as a Covenant Marriage Congregation

--Upon receipt and processing of your registration with the CMM office you will receive official notification plus a Covenant Marriage Congregational Covenant for you to display in an appropriate place in your church as you see fit.

--Plan a recognition service as deemed appropriate by the church leadership. One option to consider would be to incorporate the church's recognition in the annual observance of Covenant Marriage Sunday on the third Sunday of February. The Sunday service would be designed to recognize all Covenant Marriage Couples within the congregation, the reaffirmation of the commitment of the church to Biblically based Covenant Marriages, and an open invitation to couples that have not already done so, to become Covenant Marriage Couples.

--Using the "Couples Commitment Cards" available through the CMM office, register all Covenant Marriage Couples in the Church, and forward their names and addresses to the Covenant Marriage Movement office.

--In an appropriate service or setting, issue Covenant Marriage Certificates to all Covenant Marriage Registrant Couples.

Step #3- Growing a Covenant Marriage Congregation

--Pray earnestly for the leadership of the Holy Spirit as the Church strengthens its present ministry to couples based on the principles found in the Covenant Marriage statement.

--Working with the Covenant Marriage Coordinators, introduce new ministries into your church by gradually integrating these ministries into the regular Church Calendar.

--Provide budget monies for the strengthening of the marriage ministry in your church and for financial assistance in training additional couples that are called out and approved by the church to serve in various leadership capacities in your growing ministry to married couples.

--Provide some form of ongoing recognition of God's activity through the Covenant Marriage Movement in the Church News Letter, a Covenant Marriage Display with the Covenant Marriage Brochures and/or Covenant Marriage Commitment Cards or some other means.

--Periodically report to the Church on Covenant Marriage Movement registration in the Church and other general Covenant Marriage related news.

--Provide an Annual Covenant Marriage Report to the Church, to the local association of congregations, to the State Convention or Regional Conference, and to the CMM Office on the CMM couple registrations and congregational support.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

--All resources we develop will be at your disposal for use in the development and support of your marriage ministry at a reduced rate.

--We will provide support to your congregation through your Covenant Marriage Coordinating Couple.

--We will provide information about your church to enquiring couples living in or moving to your community and will highlight various ministries you initiate through a monthly newsletter.

--We will list your congregation in our registry and on our website, with a reciprocal link to your website where applicable.

--We will provide assistance in networking your church with other Covenant Marriage Congregations.

--We will provide leadership training for couples you desire to have trained.

--We will place your congregation on our prayer list for specific ministry needs communicated to us through your CMM Coordinating Couple.



Statement of Affirmation

In recognition of the movement of God to restore the sacredness of marriage we,
the body of _____, _____, _____,
(Church Name) (City) (State)
on this _____ day of _____ in the _____ year of our Lord, purpose
(Day) (Month) (Year)
to call individual couples, families, our sister churches, our community, our nation, and
the world back to an understanding and practice of marriage as covenant, which is the
foundation of society, for God's glory.

We vow to God, each other, our families, our community, our nation and the world to
uphold marriage as a covenant ordained by God to be a lifelong fruitful relationship
between a man and a woman who privately and publicly affirm their vows to God, each
other, their family, and their community to remain steadfast in unconditional love,
reconciliation, and sexual purity while purposefully growing in their covenant marriage
relationship.

As couples come to be married in our church, we will communicate our beliefs about
marriage and the importance of marriage preparation and do all we can to prepare them
for their covenant marriage relationship.

We covenant to stand by them in sickness and in health, in adversity and prosperity, and
be true and loyal to God in our support of their covenant relationship, so long as they both
shall live?

As God directs couples to unite with our church body, we will communicate our beliefs
about marriage, encourage them and support them in their adherence to their covenant
marriage relationship and in their usefulness in God's kingdom?

Official Signature

Title/Position

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Covenant Marriage Congregation Information

Name of Church _____

Pastor or Responsible Clergy's Name _____

Denominational Affiliation (Where Applicable) _____

Postal Address:

P. O. Box or Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Delivery Address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Fax Number _____

Email _____

Website _____

Coordinating Couple Information

Name of Couple _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Wedding Date: _____ Covenant Date: _____

Leadership Positions: _____

Contact Information:

Daytime Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Fax Number _____

Email _____