



African Episcopal Church

COVENANT OF COMMUNION

Whereas: We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the _____
_____ are members of the one holy catholic and apostolic church; and

Whereas: We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the _____
_____ are in agreement with the polity and practice of the African Episcopal Church; and

Whereas: We hereby proclaim that we are in alignment with the African Episcopal Church, and that we accept the Scriptures of both the Old and the New Testaments as to containing all things necessary for salvation, and is the authoritative rule for both faith and practice; and

Whereas: We, that we affirm the Decalogue as the moral rule of Almighty God, and that we affirm the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds as representing the historical Christian faith; and

Whereas: We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the _____
_____ in unison and harmony with the Constitutions and Canons of the African Episcopal Church, uniting with the same for the purpose of achieving the worldwide mission and ministry of the Church (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:8) both at home and abroad:

Be It Hereby Resolved That:

We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the _____
_____ in the city
of _____ state of _____,
_____ (country) hereby enter into covenant and agreement with
the African Episcopal Church, and do hereby pledge our allegiance, fidelity and support in our mutual
endeavors to make Christ known among the nations.

Done this _____ day of _____, 20_____

SEAL

WE AFFIRM

We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the _____

hereby affirm:

That we accept the Decalogue as the moral law of God, which is as follows:

- I. I am the Lord thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods before me.
- II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them; For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and show mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my commandments.
- III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.
- IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord mad heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.
- V. Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- VI. Thou shalt do no murder.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

That we accept the Apostles' Creed as our personal declaration of faith:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. AMEN.

That we accept and affirm the Nicene Creed as the perfect corporate declaration and standard of universal faith in Christ:

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one

substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We affirm and accept the African Episcopal Church resolutions and statements pertaining to:

- The Sanctity of Human Life
- Statement on Family Values
- Statement on Sacramental Observance
- Statement on the Convergence Movement
- Female Ordination
- Homosexuality and Same-sex Marriage

We accept and affirm that we are in agreement and compliance with the Constitution and Canons of the African Episcopal Church.

We hereby pledge our unity, fidelity, mutual cooperation and support of the African Episcopal Church in the work of the universal mission and ministry of Christ throughout the world.

Done this _____ day of _____, 20_____

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