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Deacon Covenant
Jefferson Park Baptist Church
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The church shall elect and ordain a Fellowship of Deacons who shall serve terms of ministry as enthusiastic encouragers, wise counselors, exemplary disciples, and trusted servants. The Deacons shall lead and support the Membership in Christian discipleship, spiritual growth, and personal evangelism.

The church shall recognize, in accordance with the constitutional provisions on elections, members who are giving of themselves in service to the church, who possess gifts of leadership, and who are called to further service. These members shall be received as gifts of Christ to His church and set apart as deacons. The scriptural qualifications for deacons are found in Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13. The church should feel confident that these qualifications are met before calling a member to this ministry.

I covenant together with the other members of the active Deacon Body to accept, affirm and commit to the following:

1. Ministry: As a deacon I will minister to the families assigned to my care. I will make regular calls or visits to my assigned family group as well as minister to their needs during times of sickness, crisis, or special need. I will support and assist the pastor in all matters relating to the ministry of the church.
2. Example: As a deacon, I will set a good example before the congregation. My personal habits should not bring reproach upon the Lord or His church. I will work consistently towards maintaining unity within Jefferson Park Baptist Church and demonstrate a cooperative spirit. My personal life, family life, devotional life, and business life should set a positive example for other believers and for those outside the church. My spouse supports the church and my ministry.
3. Stewardship: As a deacon, I will be a faithful steward in my public and private life. I will be responsible in the way I handle my business affairs and my family and personal finances. I will tithe to the Lord through the church and I will be a strong supporter of Southern Baptist mission causes.
4. Attendance: As a deacon, I will support the ministries of the church through my attendance. I will strive to support and participate in Sunday School, Sunday worship, Body Life, church conferences, deacons' meetings, and church-wide events.
5. Training: As a deacon, I will participate in ministry training that relates to my work as a deacon. When appropriate, I will take advantage of training offered by the association, state convention, or national convention.
6. Doctrine: As a deacon, I will be a student of the Bible, being both a hearer and a doer of the Word. I will be in full cooperation with the doctrines of Jefferson Park Baptist Church.

Furthermore, as a deacon I will be supportive of the Pastor, Staff, and Lay Leadership of the church and will work to settle all difficulties in a quiet, Christian manner; I will honor the privacy of those things shared with me in confidence within the Deacon Body.

Recognizing that it is not the letter of the Law but the Spirit that gives life, this deacon covenant is to be interpreted according to the gracious love and mercy found in Christ.