

Zion Mennonite Church's Covenant Renewal

Scripture for 2018:

“Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.”

~Matthew 11:28 (New Revised Standard Version)

We, Zion Mennonite Church, believe in the God of all hope, who created the world and loves us deeply. We believe in Jesus, who came to redeem us by His death and resurrection, and who lives to intercede for us. We believe in the Holy Spirit who fills believers, reminding us of all that Jesus taught, convicting us of sin, giving us direction, comfort, and help, both individually and as a congregation. This year we commit ourselves to this Triune God and to helping each other grow closer to God as we practice rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks together.

Zion Mennonite Church is encouraging members & regular participants to make commitments today. We are asking God to move in our midst more freely as we practice listening and obeying what we hear from Him, anticipating that God may lead us this year in ways that we cannot yet know, that He certainly will help us become more aware of each other's needs, and will teach us how to better encourage and help each other.

In 2018 we agree together that we will:

- Practice going to Jesus every day in order to exchange the burdens that we carry for God's rest;
- Explore what it means to practice Sabbath and experiment with keeping the Sabbath as a church family; and
- Remember God's invitation to move from rest into work and back to rest.

TESTIMONY in 200 words or less: Tell a story of how you've witnessed God at work in your life this past year.

Our commitment to God and each other in 2018:

WORSHIP - We desire to enjoy God together through vibrant worship by.....

- Being actively involved in corporate worship at ZMC.

Other: _____

FAITH FORMATION – We commit to studying the Bible by.....

- Making a practical plan for Bible reading/meditation and sharing this plan with at least one person.

Other: _____

OUTREACH & SERVICE – We seek to share the Gospel by.....

- Asking God for direction about which missional activity to engage with this year individually or with others; and
- Discerning what to remove from our lives to make time for this new habit.

Other: _____

STEWARDSHIP – We aspire to imitate God’s generosity towards us by.....

- Seeking God’s direction for a particular dollar amount or percentage of income to make as a goal for giving to Zion.

Other: _____

CARE – We desire to intentionally care for each other as the body of Christ by.....

- Praying for members of the congregation, especially thanking God for those with whom we disagree and asking God to bless them richly; and
- Committing to come to Jesus with one other person, a group of two or three (Life Transformation Group^{*}), or a small group in the year ahead.

Other: _____

* A Life Transformation Group (LTG) is a group of 2-3 people, all of the same gender, who commit to a weekly rhythm of Scripture reading, meeting for accountability, and prayerfully joining God’s work in the world.