

## Deacon's Covenant

Deacons in the body of Christ provide spiritual leadership. The primary task of an elder is to be a mature model Christian for the congregation to follow. The responsibilities of an Deacon at Covenant Life International include:

### QUALIFICATIONS:

1. **Committed Christian**, member of the church for *one or more* consecutive years, 25 years or older, in harmony with the objectives and outreach ministries of the church.
2. **Baptized in the Holy Spirit** and committed to a life of spiritual growth.
3. **Faithful in all areas of stewardship** such as Bible reading, prayer, devotion, worship services, and having been a faithful tither for one consecutive year documented by the record keeping system of Covenant Life.
4. **Dedicated to the support of the pastoral staff** in the planning and functioning of the total church mission.
5. **Striving to fulfill the biblical role of an Deacon** as outlined in I Timothy 3:8-13.
6. **Prayer each day** for the following areas: your personal, spiritual and family life, pastor and family, and for our church to accomplish all that God desires while overcoming all obstacles.
7. If physically possible, **fasting at least one day per month** while praying for the spiritual well being of our church.
8. **Teach others by the examples** we live: in conversations, our lifestyles and our temperament.
9. Be **leaders in our personal worship** during services and in our own devotional life.
10. **Not an active member** nor seeking membership with any secret organization.

### Commitments:

1. A firm resolve to participate in annual planning meetings, training seminars, regular meetings, and involvement in fulfilling the ministry objectives of the church.
2. I understand that visitation to hospitals, funeral home and to the widows are a part of my responsibility when asked.
3. The submitting of a signed statement of qualifications with regard to willingness and eligibility to serve.
4. I understand that this commitment is for a two-year term and must be renewed annually by participating in annual installation service.

I believe the Lord has called me to serve Covenant Life International as an deacon.

(Deacon/Deaconess) **I covenant to:**

1. Be supportive of the pastor and the philosophy of ministry of the church.
2. Submit to the authority of the pastor as God's chosen leader.
3. I have discussed the responsibilities of an deacon with my spouse.
4. Have a positive and cooperative attitude concerning the work of the kingdom of God.
5. Keep my family under subjection.
6. I have discussed responsibilities of being a deacon and with my spouse.
7. I have discussed the responsibilities of being a deacon's spouse.

**I have met all the qualifications and I feel God has called me to serve Covenant Life as an deacon.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Spouse) **I covenant to:**

1. Be supportive of the pastor and the philosophy of ministry of the church.
2. Submit to the authority of the pastor as God's chosen leader.
3. Have a positive and cooperative attitude concerning the work of the kingdom of God.
4. I believe the Lord has called me to serve Covenant Life and stand beside my spouse as a Godly Helpmate in the office of a deacon. I have read and fully understand my roll and the qualifications outlined in the teaching provided for a deacon's spouse training.

**I have met all the qualifications and I feel God has called me to serve Covenant Life as an elder.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_