



Our Covenant

We interpret an opportunity to study in this Seminary as a high privilege; and in an effort to order our lives by Christian standards in the school and in the churches to which the school is vitally related we enter into a covenant. We trust that this covenant, subject to periodic evaluation and revision, will express the moral convictions of a student body in which the Christian life is lived by all who are admitted into its fellowship.

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REGARDING OUR SCHOOL

We, the students of Southeastern Seminary covenant to express our devotion to Christ through our common life. We will recognize our responsibility for our school work and to all the persons connected with the Seminary. Our words, attitudes, and actions will be motivated by a desire to express the love of Christ. We will never by outright deceit or by implication seek to obtain credit for any work which we have not done.

We will be courteous and helpful to fellow students in class, on the campus, and in extra-curricular activities. We will manifest an attitude of understanding and co-operation toward members of the faculty, administration, trustees, and staff.

We will seek to bring all our relationships with the Seminary, both during school days and after graduation, into harmony with the Christian faith and the Christian ethic.

REGARDING OUR CHURCH

When not engaged in an official relationship with a church, we will accept the responsibility of membership in a church where we can serve. We will consistently participate in the fellowship through corporate worship and the sharing of Christian faith and service.

In seeking a pastoral or other official relationship with a church, we will be guided by the highest principles of Christian conduct. We will show primary concern for the welfare of the church and the interest of Christ's kingdom. We will not be led by selfish ambition into a spirit of worldly competition, a display of vanity and pride, or anything that would bring reproach upon the name of Christ.

When we accept any call to service in a church, we will accept our responsibilities as a sacred trust, always mindful of our obligation to Christ, to the membership of the church, to our families, and to the Seminary. When a ministry has been

fulfilled, we will terminate our relations with the church in a manner favorable to the best interests of the membership and our successor.

We recognize our relationship to fellow ministers, whom we accept as Christian brothers and as fellow laborers. We will endeavor to co-operate with the pastors of surrounding churches in mutual interests, and lend our assistance to retired and other ministers who are not currently serving in a pastorate.

We will share in the life and work of our denomination. Any criticism will be given in love and for a constructive purpose. We will strive to make a worthy contribution to our denomination on every level, and shall at the same time seek to cultivate in our area a proper understanding and appreciation of the student pastor.

REGARDING OUR FAMILY

We will seek to maintain a Christian atmosphere and a genuine partnership in our family.

This partnership will derive its strength from an abiding reverence for Christ as the principle of life. Mindful of such reverence we will strive to meet successfully the peculiar pressures of Seminary life. In this attitude we will be inspired to practice active love, fidelity, truthfulness, consideration, kindness, and forgiveness.

Gratefully aware of the sacrifices made by the members of our families in the interest of our Seminary training, we will seek to make the most of our educational opportunities. Since we are all members of the larger Seminary family, in periods of crisis we will assist our brethren through proper channels.

While in the Seminary we will interpret every experience as an opportunity for our families to become uniquely fitted for Christian service.

REGARDING OUR COMMUNITY

We will recognize and accept our responsibilities as Christian citizens in the Seminary

community of learning, the Wake Forest community, and our community of work.

We will endeavor to participate in civic activities which strengthen community life. Constructive community projects, community improvement measures, and local charities will be objects of our concern.

We will strive to share in the governmental and administrative concerns of the community by accepting a responsible share in the duties of citizenship. We will participate in local elections, co-operate with law enforcement and governmental officials, regard the laws of the community, and share our time, energies, and resources with others for the common good of all.

We will practice integrity in economic relationships. We will refuse to seek special privileges, and be prompt in the payment of loans and debts. We will strive to support our local community in a co-operative spirit.

We will endeavor to promote the educational life of our community, support the public schools, co-operate in matters of mutual concern, and participate in any improvements designed to lift the level of life among us.

We will treat every member of our community as a person, seeking to be courteous and considerate in all relationships. We will strive to bear a Christian witness and hold an attitude of good-will toward those of differing religious persuasion.

All these things and others we will strive to attain under God in order that our school, our churches, our homes, and our community may be Christian.

(Signed)