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### LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY

Hebrews 13:17

*As members of The Church at Brook Hills, we affirm this covenant with one another by God's grace, for our good, and ultimately for God's glory.*

*Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ac. 2:38; 16:31; 20:21; Rom. 10:9-10) and to surrender our lives to Him (Lk. 14:25-33), and having been baptized as Christians in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mt. 28:19; Ac. 2:41; Rom. 6:1-4), we covenant together to glorify God (Is. 43:7; 1 Cor. 10:31) by making disciples (Mt. 28:18-20; 2 Tim. 2:2) of all nations (Ps. 67:1-2; Rev. 7:9-10).*

- *Together, we will draw near to God in worship (Heb. 10:22; Rom. 12:1-2). We will delight in the glory of God (Ps. 16:11; 37:4; 63:1-11), depend on the presence of God (Ex. 33:14-18; Mt. 28:20; Jn. 15:5; Jas. 4:8), grow in the knowledge of God (Php. 3:10; Col. 1:9-12; 2 Pet. 3:17-18), and submit to the Word of God as the all-sufficient authority in our lives and in His church (2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Ps. 19:7-11; 119:105-112).*
- *Together, we will hold fast to the hope we profess (Heb. 10:23). We will regularly participate in communion as we solemnly and joyfully remember the past work of Christ on the cross, celebrate the present work of Christ at the Father's right hand, and anticipate the future work of Christ in His return for His bride (Lk. 22:7-23; Ac. 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:23-32).*
- *Together, we will spur one another on to love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24). We will meet with one another consistently (Heb. 10:25), pray for one another regularly (Php. 1:3-6), and serve one another selflessly (Rom. 12:9-13). We will share each other's joys and bear each other's burdens (1 Cor. 12:26; 2 Cor. 2:3; Gal. 6:2). We will edify one another with our speech (Eph. 4:29-32) and encourage one another with our example (1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Php. 4:9). We will humbly and gently confront one another and receive correction from one another in accordance with a New Testament understanding of church discipline and restoration (Mt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; Gal. 6:1). We will give cheerfully and generously to the support of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations (2 Cor. 8-9).*
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  - ▶ Elders model the character of Christ.
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- **Submission According to Christ...**
  - ▶ The church is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Absolute** obedience to authoritarian leadership.
  - ▶ The result of **abuse** in power.
- **Acknowledgement** of inequality.
- **Submission According to Christ...**
  - ▶ Their authority is **conditional**.
    - They must **teach** the Word accurately.
    - They must **live** the Word faithfully.
  - ▶ Their accountability is **serious**.
    - They serve **carefully**.
    - They serve **responsibly**.
    - They serve **joyfully**.
- The body **submits** to leaders.
  - ▶ The body obeys the **Word** that leaders teach.
  - The body is under the **authority** of Christ.
  - The body is ultimately **accountable** to Christ...
- In matters of **dispute**.
  - In matters of **doctrine**.
  - In matters of **discipline**.
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