



# DIOCESE OF ONTARIO

## The Anglican Church of Canada

### MINISTRY TASK FORCE COVENANT 2017/2018

Parish of:

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(Write parish name here)

#### PREAMBLE

We are a People of the Covenant. We have a long history in the Diocese of Ontario of using the word “Covenant”—it is a rich biblical concept.

By far the most common use of the term has its roots in what the Bible tells us happened in the early days. The Old Testament stories, especially those of Abraham and Sarah, of Noah, and of David tell of us of God’s promises to our biblical ancestors—promises of what the future will be like.

“As people of Faith and Covenant we recognize God is ultimately in charge, also, as followers our Lord Jesus we acknowledge God’s call and invitation to take our part in the work building up the Kingdom of God through. That is, to work with God to make our world the world he intended and dreamed for us at the beginning of Creation. As we take that work and ministry seriously we become a living and active sign of God’s covenant of love to one another and to the world around us.”

By choosing to take part in this Covenant, we choose to work together as a Diocese, to work with God, to make God’s dream for all of creation come to reality.

**PART I: Strengthening an existing ministry**

While we acknowledge that all areas of the Ministry Task Force report are equally important, during the next year, we will intentionally focus our time and energy on **strengthening our current efforts** in the following area (please choose one):

- Engaging youth and young families
- Emphasizing Jesus' relevance in people's everyday lives
- Being more flexible in forms of worship
- Delivering Ministry that Connects with People in a Modern Context
- Being Invitational and Giving of Ourselves
- Loving and Being Present with People in Unfamiliar Places
- Promoting Good Works in the Community
- Identifying and Establishing Community Partnerships

What specific action do you propose to accomplish in the chosen area? How will it strengthen ministry you are already doing?

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Who will champion these efforts?

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What is the proposed timeline?

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How will you communicate (internally and externally) about this initiative?

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**PART II: Stepping out in faith**

While we acknowledge that all areas of the Ministry Task Force report are equally important, during the next year, we will intentionally focus our time and energy on a **new ministry initiative** in the following area (please choose one):

- Engaging youth and young families
- Emphasizing Jesus' relevance in people's everyday lives
- Being more flexible in forms of worship
- Delivering Ministry that Connects with People in a Modern Context
- Being Invitational and Giving of Ourselves
- Loving and Being Present with People in Unfamiliar Places
- Promoting Good Works in the Community
- Identifying and Establishing Community Partnerships

What specific action do you propose to accomplish in the chosen area? How will it strengthen ministry you are already doing?

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Who will champion these efforts?

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What is the proposed timeline?

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How will you communicate (internally and externally) about this initiative?

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**COVENANT AGREEMENT:**

We/I, \_\_\_\_\_ enter into this Covenant, in partnership with other parishes within the Diocese of Ontario. As God's stewards, and disciples of Jesus, we will use our best efforts to carry out the aforementioned ministry initiatives in 2017/2018.

Signed by:

Churchwardens:

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Incumbent: Priest or Deacon-in-Charge

Date:

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**Please return your Covenant to:**

**Doug Green, Chair, Covenant Team**

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