

# THE GRANT PARK MISSIONAL COMMUNITY COVENANT

## GOSPEL

I believe that God himself has come to rescue and renew all of creation (including me) in and through the work of Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL IDENTITY

I believe that I have been given a new identity in Christ because of the gospel. I am now a part of God's family on mission sent to serve our world and continually learn to walk in his ways.

**Missionaries** — *We live actively as missionaries sent by Jesus to make disciples.*

*We believe we are sent to:*

- **People in Grant Park**
- **Parents and teachers of Edison Elementary**

**Servants** — *We are servants of God who serve others as a way of life.*

*We are committed to serve by:*

- Cleaning up the Grant Park neighborhood
- Caring for children after school
- Volunteering at Edison Elementary
- Fixing Edith's home
- Developing a Neighborhood Care and Watch group

**Learners** — *We take responsibility for our own discipleship and the discipleship of others.*

*We will devote ourselves to:*

- Regularly gathering for equipping with our local expression
- Working through an assessment to determine equipping needs for those in our MC
- Developing an equipping plan in light of our assessments
- Being trained in basic discipleship so that we can train others
- Sharing the gospel verbally with Grant Park and parents and teachers of Edison Elementary
- Reading through the Bible in 2009

**Family** — *We are children of God who live and care for each other as a family.*

*We will:*

- Speak the truth in love and submit to one another in this
- Refrain from gossip or slander and be reconciled when we do
- Forgive one another
- Pray for one another
- Bear with one another
- Meet together regularly

# GOSPEL RHYTHMS

**Storyformed** — *We understand, experience and intersect with God's Story.*

*We will:*

- Learn and communicate the Story of God together
- Become familiar with each other's personal stories and the stories of the people in Grant Park and parents/teachers at Edison Elementary

**Listen** — *We set aside regular times to listen to God both backward and forward.*

*We will:*

- Listen to God together when we gather to discern his will—prayer will be a normal part of our meetings
- Set aside regularly times to personally to listen to God
- Listen to God while listening to those in our MC and mission
- Identify those who listen to God well and seek out more training

**Celebrate** — *We regularly gather together to celebrate God's extravagant blessing.*

*We will:*

- Gathering regularly with our local expression and MC to celebrate God's grace
- Celebrate God's grace by coming together around special events
- Join in the celebrations in Grant Park and at Edison in ways that intentionally demonstrate the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Create or serve at 4 key celebrations annually within our mission

**Bless** — *We intentionally bless others through words, gifts or actions.*

*We will:*

- Together make an inventory of what we have been given for the sake of blessing others
- Make our blessings known on The City and to Grant Park and Edison so there is accessibility to what we have
- Grow in our financial giving together by 1% this year (i.e. from 10% to 11%)
- Transform Edith's backyard

**Eat** — *We regularly eat meals with others to invite them into the community of God.*

*We will:*

- Break bread together weekly in homes to remember Jesus' death for us
- Eat a weekly meal together
- Have one open meal monthly to invite people in our community into
- Pick one restaurant in the central district to eat at regularly (Minimally 2 times a month)

**ReCreate** — *We take time to rest, play, create and restore beauty to reflect God to others.*

*We will:*

- Work with the city to remodel Jefferson Park
- Take a vacation together by the end of next summer
- Start a gardener's club for Grant Park

*As a follower of Jesus and child of God, I covenant with my Missional Community to live out the gospel in these Identity & Rhythms.*

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Name

Signature

Date