Founder's Covenant

"Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness."
— Psalm 37:3

Friends,

Greetings! It is with a deep sense of joy and anticipation that I write these words to you. The launch of the Daniel Island Fellowship has been a beautiful story, as we have seen a unique and vibrant community of faith birthed that is impacting lives, marriages, families, our city, and our world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you are reading this document, most likely your own life has been touched in some way through this unfolding story. The wonderful thing is we are just getting started!

In response to many requests about what it means to belong to the Daniel Island Fellowship, we have created this "Founder's Covenant" to share our distinct vision and values with you and invite you to formally join us in this incredible story. For us the elements presented in this document do not represent resolutions, where one can succeed or fail, but rather rhythms, where one can increasingly experience the fullness of life and grace found in God and His people. As you read this document, we invite you to pray about whether God is calling you to make the Daniel Island Fellowship your faith home. We are excited for our collective future!

Together in Christ,

Paul W. Sorensen
Founding Pastor
Daniel Island Fellowship

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Mission Statement —The Daniel Island Fellowship seeks to create community and culture on mission with Christ for Daniel Island and beyond.

Covenant Statement — I feel joyfully led through prayerful discernment by the Holy Spirit to make the Daniel Island Fellowship my faith home. By God's grace, I commit to God, the leadership of the Daniel Island Fellowship, and the others who sign this covenant to cultivate the following rhythms in my life in order to grow my church and myself. In doing so, I recognize I am a work in progress and affirm that it is God who is at work within me "to will and to work for His good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

I WILL GATHER WITH MY CHURCH

Being a Person of Presence – Local and personal in my faith

- By regularly participating in the DIF worship service
- By seeking to know and love my neighbors

Being a Person of Peace – Saved by grace in my faith

- By trusting and following Jesus as my Savior and Lord
- By being baptized into God's family (if yet to do so)
- By talking and acting in love in the DIF community

Being a Person of Purpose – Discovering my role on the team in my faith

- By developing a servant's heart
- By discovering and developing my gifts and talents

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." – Acts 2:42

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." – Ephesians 2:8-9

"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart." – 1 Peter 1:22

I WILL GROW WITH MY CHURCH

Being a Person of the Word – Creating space for love and guidance in my faith

- By regularly reading, receiving and responding to the Bible
- By joining a DIF community group for encouragement and support

Being a Person of Prayer – Creating space for rest and connection in my faith

- Through personal conversation and time with God
- Through praying with and for the DIF community

Being a Person of Song – Creating space for joy and celebration in my faith

- By developing a heart of worship for God

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." – 1 Timothy 3:16-17

"Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence... Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong... Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God." – Ephesians 3:12-19

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." – Psalm 34:1

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I WILL GIVE WITH MY CHURCH

Being a Person of Time – Loving others as a friend of God

- By cultivating lasting friendships in the DIF community

Being a Person of Talent – Serving as a minister of God

- By joining the DIF serve teams to apply my gifts and talents

Being a Person of Treasure – Tithing as a steward of God

- By learning to joyfully and regularly give to the DIF community

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." – John 15:12-13

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10

"A tithe of everything... belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." – Leviticus 27:30

I WILL GO WITH MY CHURCH

Being a Person of the Word – Sent out in my faith

- By looking for opportunities to love as Christ in my neighborhood, city and world

Being a Person of Message – Personally sharing my faith

- By learning to share God's story and my story with others

Being a Person of Movement – Fostering the multiplication of my faith

- By inviting and welcoming new people to the DIF community
- By encouraging the growth of God's Kingdom through new church plants and good works
- By seeing likeminded churches and charities as allies in the faith

"Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!" – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (MSG)

FOUNDER'S SIGNATURE

Having read the Founder's Covenant and leaning into God's grace, I commit to God, the leadership of the DIF, and the others who sign this covenant to cultivate the rhythms herein in my life in order to grow my church and myself.

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