

FACILITY USE POLICY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES All New Covenant Fellowship property and facilities (including furniture, fixtures, and equipment) are holy and set apart to worship God, regardless of the location of the facility. (Colossians 3:17). New Covenant Fellowship facilities are consecrated to our religious ministry and mission because they are a provision from God. Use of New Covenant Fellowship property shall be for the propagation of the Christian faith, for fellowship, witnessing, religious teaching, and charity. Therefore, all use and occupancy of New Covenant Fellowship property shall be limited to persons of our particular religion, the propagation of religion, or related religious purposes.

All activities on church property must cohere with the religious purpose of New Covenant Fellowship and further its Christian mission, whether the activity has an overt liturgical religious purpose (preaching, worship services, Bible instruction, communion, baptism) or a non-liturgical religious purpose (social service, mentorship, community service, benevolence, charity, schools). New Covenant Fellowship conducts all activities in order to advance or express its Christian mission, message and viewpoint. Church facility use shall be exclusively conditioned on whether the use promotes New Covenant Fellowship's mission, message and viewpoint, as all facility usage is an opportunity to glorify God. In addition, church property is exclusively reserved for persons and organizations who agree to abide by New Covenant Fellowship Statements of Faith, including the statements on Human Sexuality and Abortion (the "Written Statements of Faith"), which are incorporated herein by reference, as if fully set forth herein.

Likewise, New Covenant Fellowship facilities are not generally open to the public and may not be used by persons or groups holding, advancing, or advocating beliefs that conflict with New Covenant Fellowship's faith or moral teachings – including but not limited to New Covenant Fellowship's Written Statements of Faith, which are incorporated herein by reference, as if fully set forth herein. Any facilities that are made available to approved non-members for usage are meant to further New Covenant Fellowship's calling to minister to others, in the vein of charity and witnessing to our faith. For this reason, New Covenant Fellowship property cannot be used for purposes that contradict the church's beliefs, which would constitute a grave violation of the church's faith and religious practice, as well as degrade New Covenant Fellowship's religious integrity. (2 Corinthians 6:3; and 14; 1 Thessalonians 5:22)

OWNERSHIP / CONTROL New Covenant Fellowship elders possesses the exclusive power to enforce conformity of belief. In regards to facility usage, New Covenant Fellowship seeks to avoid member confusion, formal or material cooperation with evil, and scandal by associating with any conduct that contradicts its religious beliefs. (1 Peter 2:12) Church property issues or disputes are directly related to religious doctrine and practice, as all facilities are utilized in a manner to advance or express New Covenant Fellowship's Christian mission, message, and viewpoint. (Colossians 3:17) In the event that church facility use departs in any way from New Covenant Fellowship's doctrine, mission, Written Statements of Faith, teaching or policies, New Covenant Fellowship's designated religious authority shall exclusively resolve any disputes. The New Covenant Fellowship elders alone may make inquiry into the religious law and usage of New Covenant Fellowship facilities and is therefore essential to the resolution of the controversy.

FACILITY USAGE FEE RATE New Covenant Fellowship is a not-for-profit corporation. Because the facility is exclusively utilized for religious and ministry purposes, it may be reserved for the below-market rate of \$_____. The fee is intended to be used for general maintenance and cleaning of church facilities.

GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS Each individual, group, or organization utilizing New Covenant Fellowship facilities (including equipment and property) is required to abide by all church guidelines, requirements and use restrictions at all times. Each individual, group, or organization is required to sign New Covenant Fellowship's Facilities Usage Agreement. New Covenant Fellowship incorporates by reference its Code of Conduct, as if fully set forth herein. New Covenant Fellowship incorporates its Statement of Faith on Marriage, Sexuality, and Gender Identity, as if fully set forth herein. Use of any controlled substances, including alcohol, tobacco products, and marijuana, is strictly prohibited on church property. Church facilities are to be used with care and left in good, clear condition. Licensee(s) or Invitee(s) reserving New Covenant Fellowship facilities or property must confine said usage to pre-approved areas of the church property, as provided for in their Facility Usage Agreement. Any events involving children and youth require adequate adult supervision, provided by the reserving licensee(s) or invitee(s). New Covenant Fellowship reserves the right to coordinate and schedule alternative activities and events in other church facilities. New Covenant Fellowship reserves the right to accept or deny any applicants who seek to utilize or reserve New Covenant Fellowship facilities. Permission that is granted to licensee(s) or invitee(s) to utilize New Covenant Fellowship facilities or property shall not be

transferred or passed to any alternative individual, group, or organization without the permission of New Covenant Fellowship.

INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY Non-member facility users will be required to provide their own general liability insurance coverage with a combined single limit of not less than \$_____, naming New Covenant Fellowship as an additional insured. Any and all damage occurring to New Covenant Fellowship facilities as a result of their use or reservation, shall be repaired and replaced by the licensee(s) or invitee(s), at a cost determined by New Covenant Fellowship elders or their designee. All who reserve New Covenant Fellowship] property or facilities for use agree to release, protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless New Covenant Fellowship and its trustees, officers, employees, members and other representatives from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and other legal costs) directly or indirectly arising out of their use of any New Covenant Fellowship] facilities.

APPLICATION All of our members, employees, and volunteers must affirm and adhere to this Facility Use Policy and church policies referenced therein to qualify for involvement with the ministry. This is necessary to accomplish our religious mission, goals and purpose. Any non-members who wish to utilize New Covenant Fellowship's facilities must acknowledge receipt and review of this Facility Use Policy. Further, non-members must agree to conduct themselves and their event, as well as utilize church facilities, in a manner consistent with New Covenant Fellowship's purpose, ministry, Written Statements of Faith and policies, as set forth herein.

FACILITY USAGE AGREEMENT

Name of Licensee(s) or Invitee(s): _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone Number(s): _____

E-mail Address: _____ Website: _____

Licensee(s) or Invitee(s) Membership Status: _____ Description of

Licensee(s) or Invitee(s) Ministry: _____ Date(s) and time(s) of event:

_____ Purpose of event: _____ Nature of event:

_____ Facility/Room being reserved: _____ Facility Usage Fee:

I have received, reviewed and agree to adhere to all New Covenant Fellowship's policies, including but not limited to the Statement of Faith on Marriage, Sexuality, and Gender Identity, Bylaws, Standards of Morals and Conduct, and Statement of Religious Authority. I have read and fully understand the Facility Use Policy and the Facility Use Agreement and hereby expressly agree to adhere to all guidelines, requirements, restrictions and other provisions set forth therein. I request to use the church facilities for the express purpose indicated above, and will utilize said facilities in a manner consistent with these stated purposes. To the best of my knowledge, I am not aware that the reserving individual, group, or organization holds, advances, or advocates beliefs that conflict with the church's faith or moral teachings. It is agreed and understood that this contract shall remain in force only for the term in which I comply with New Covenant Fellowship] policies, as set forth herein, and as long thereafter as I comply. I understand that all facilities privileges automatically terminate if I engage in any conduct or avocation of conduct that stands in contradiction to New Covenant Fellowship's stated beliefs, policies, and mission as set forth herein. I agree to notify New Covenant Fellowship authority immediately upon the knowledge that church facilities or properties are being utilized in a manner inconsistent with church policies. I submit to the designated authority of New Covenant Fellowship to resolve any disputes relating to church property or facility use.

Invitee(s)/Licensee Signature(s) _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Date Approved by New Covenant Fellowship: _____ Signature(s)

_____ Title: _____ Date:
