

Questions to Consider:¹

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love...

What are some ways we can rely on the power of the Holy Spirit in our journey of faith?

Are there areas in your life where you may be coming up short when it comes to walking together in love?

Are there divisions that need to be healed or opportunities to be exploited?

We engage...to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness...

What are you doing and what might you do in order to grow in the knowledge of God?

Discuss ways in which knowledge of God develops holiness (trust, love and service to God).

How can our church become a source of the knowledge of God?

We engage...to give it a place in our affections, prayers and service above every organization of human origin...

Why is the church set apart from other institutions, even those with similar vision and mission?

What or who gives the church the greatest competition?

What can you do to show that the church is your priority?

We engage...to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine...

What are some differences between our purposes in worship and God's purposes in worship?

How do the ordinances (baptism and communion) sustain the life of the church?

How do the disciplines of the faith inform our worship and life of our church family?

What is the purpose of doctrine?

¹ Questions are based on ***Discipleship for African American Christians: A Journey through the Church Covenant***, William C. Turner, Jr., Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2002

We engage...to contribute cheerfully and regularly...for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

Share your testimony about giving or the testimonies you have heard from others.
Describe the relationship between giving and the life of our church family.

In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

What are some signs of a contentious spirit in our church family?
List some ways for avoiding a contentious spirit and for resolving disputes.