

community covenant



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Embracing the Community Covenant marks the beginning of your personal Cedarville experience. Each student affirms his or her support for this Covenant at the beginning of each academic year. While the Covenant is not a complete expression of all University rules and guidelines, it is a concise summary of many of the things that we deem most important to spiritual development and community.

We covenant together to express our love for God through our obedience to the authority of His Word, our practice of spiritual disciplines, and regular expressions of worship and Christian service.

We covenant together to express our love for others through acts of kindness, wholesome and uplifting speech, redemptive expressions of confrontation and forgiveness, merciful acts to those in need, and loving proclamation of the Gospel.

We covenant together to be people of integrity and self-control, truthful in our speech, honest in our conduct, and morally pure in both thought and action.

We covenant together to pursue excellence in all that we do as an expression of our gratitude to God and our desire to be good stewards of all God's gifts, including our talents, time, and resources.

As members of this community, we voluntarily submit ourselves to all of the guidelines in The Cedarville Experience and agree to uphold them with integrity and honesty.

The implications of this Covenant to a variety of campus life issues will be discussed throughout *The Cedarville Experience*. All students are expected not only to honor the Covenant but also to promote it by providing accountability and, when necessary, correction to their friends and peers.

What Does It Mean to Agree to a Community Covenant?

- It is a promise that Cedarville University students make to each other to help every member of this community develop qualities that reflect the character of Jesus Christ. Both words are important.
- “Community” reminds us that this is something that we do together in the context of loving relationships. An important part of the Cedarville experience is the mutual support and accountability that we extend to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- “Covenant” reminds us of the spiritual significance of this commitment. These are not matters of mere convenience or personal preference. They are essential marks of lives transformed by God's grace. As a community, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of these marks of spiritual maturity so that God may be glorified on our campus.