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Embracing Boston 2019 Mission Team Covenant

We, the members of the Embracing Boston 2019 Mission Team, believing that God has called us together to serve, agree together concerning the following:

Our Vision:

We desire to be a team of people characterized by Christ-like behavior exhibited through unconditional love, unselfish service and unified teamwork. Our ultimate purpose as a team and as individuals is the desire to live and serve in tandem with each other and in accordance with Philippians 1:27, ". . .conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (NASB).

Our Team Objectives: We believe that we can fulfill this vision through the following commitments to each other:

Teamwork. We commit ourselves to be a group of individuals who unite as one (Phil. 2:2), striving to accomplish the same goal of glorifying Christ and increasing His church (Acts 2:46-47).

Communication. We commit ourselves to resolve all inter-team conflicts according to biblical principles as outlined by our Lord in Matthew 18:15-18. This means prayer as the first step, personal confrontation as the second step, and counsel of the team leader as the third and final step. In all issues of conflict, we commit ourselves to maintain a spirit of confidentiality and will obey the command of Ephesians 4:29, "Let no unwholesome talk proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it give grace to those who hear." We will also remember the admonition in James 3:8-10 regarding our speech, "But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way."

Forgiveness. We commit ourselves to the recognition of sin as our common enemy so that we each may be sensitive to our human failings and forgive each other. We recognize that forgiveness is manifested through an understanding, forgetful attitude and the continuation of demonstrated love. We commit ourselves to resolving any bitterness because we realize that bitterness will drag the whole team down, in accordance with Hebrews 12:15, "See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many," and hinder the ministry which we are trying to accomplish.

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Spiritual growth. We commit ourselves to personal worship and fellowship with God through obedience to the lordship of Jesus Christ and an openness to learn from God's Spirit in all situations. We agree to have the

same attitude of the Apostle Paul with respect to

Failure – I Thessalonians 2:1-3; John 21:15-17

Perseverance – I Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 3:12-14; II Timothy 4:7-8

Our Team Structure: We believe that the following structural elements will enable us to carry out our team objectives:

Team orientation. Recognizing it is imperative to meet together as a team prior to our departure, we commit to making Saturday, August 24, 2019, a priority on our calendars. The all-day orientation to be held at the Baptist Building in Cary, NC, is mandatory for all mission trip participants and missing the day will result in a dismissal from the mission team. We understand and acknowledge that this day is necessary for the members of our team to become acquainted with one another; spend time together in prayer; and learn about our strategy in God's Kingdom as He uses us in Boston.

Team meetings. Before and during the project, our team meetings will be paramount for fulfilling the aforementioned team commitments. These team meetings, which could be held by Skype conference call prior to our departure and will be held every morning while on the field, will include team devotions, team prayer, time for communication of details and plans, and time for individual relational development.

Personal quiet times. We will attempt, to the best of our abilities, to be as faithful as possible in our daily Bible study and prayer times with our Lord because we firmly believe that growing individually is essential to our growth as a team.

Affirmation. We commit ourselves to encouraging and exhorting one another through verbal affirmation and/or sending notes of encouragement to one another as often as possible.

Ministry opportunities. We will seek to be a witness of the love of Jesus Christ to the people we meet throughout our trip. This will include testimonies, speaking at churches and other venues, and Christ-like behavior. We recognize that divine appointments can occur at any point on our trip as our Lord ordains them.

Work. We recognize that, if our objectives are to be completed, we must all commit ourselves to work to the best of our God-given ability every day of the project. We acknowledge that this will include early mornings and late nights for all the members of our team.

Prayer. We commit ourselves to daily prayer for each team member and the mission work we are striving together to accomplish.

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Leadership. We recognize the official leader of our team. In situations of team concern, we commit ourselves at all times to be in a submissive attitude to our leader. We recognize that we are under the spiritual authority of our team leader until we arrive in Boston and as we return to our home state. We recognize and agree to comply with instructions as they are provided by our team leader as we understand they have our best interests at heart for the mission work to be accomplished and our safety. We also recognize that this mission trip is an opportunity for all of us to develop God-given leadership ability, and we commit ourselves to that end through the pursuing of individual growth opportunities that may arise.

Evaluation and Accountability: We will hold each other on the team accountable to this covenant, and we will measure our success in keeping this covenant by:

1. Correcting each other according to biblical and covenant principles.
2. Responding without defensiveness when we are corrected, believing that other team members have our best interests and the best interests of the team in mind.

Team Covenant Agreement

As a member of the team, I commit myself to abide by the Embracing Boston 2019 Mission Team Covenant to the best of my God-given ability.

Trip Name/Destination: Embracing Boston 2019

Trip Date: September 12-15, 2019

Name (Print): _____

Signed: _____

Dated: _____