



*Equipping Youth—For Christ and the Church*

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR COVENANT

C. E. **INSPIRES**, **EQUIPS** and **ENCOURAGES** churches to Biblically develop youth as Christ-centered leaders

### Christian Endeavor Essentials

#### POSITION

C.E. takes a non-negotiable stand on the three following statements:

***Spiritual Potential of Youth***- 1 Tim. 4:11-16, Rom. 8:5-11, 2 Tim. 1:14, 1 Cor. 3:16

-Christian Endeavor exists “For Christ and the Church”

-C.E. is a program equipping youth as leaders

***Lordship of Christ and Authority of Scripture***- Col. 1:15-20, John 1:1-2, 2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Pet. 1:20-21

-C.E. promotes a committed Christian life, grows inter-church relationships, and develops leaders useful in their service to Christ and the Church.

***Relationship to the Church and the Pastor***- Eph. 4:11, Heb. 10:19-25 and 13:7, 17

-C.E. promotes loyalty to Christ first; loyalty to Christ’s Church next; loyalty to both Christ and the Church always. Romans 12, with special emphasis on verses one and two, is called the Christian Endeavor chapter because it promotes a life lived for Christ and the Church.

#### PRINCIPLES

C.E. has stood on four Biblical Principles since its beginning:

##### **Confession of Christ**

-“Confession of Christ” first means accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord, Savior and Leader.

Second, it means to share Christ with others. C.E. trains youth to own their faith and live it out.

##### **Fellowship with Christ’s People**

-Christ has risen! He is alive! Every Christian church from every background agreeing that the Bible is God’s authoritative Word understands this message. Each Christian Endeavor Group demonstrates loyalty to its own church while encouraging fellowship opportunities in inter-church settings.

##### **Loyalty to Christ’s Church**

-A person’s faith development needs community. This community is found in the local church.

Christian Endeavor challenges youth to actively serve and support their own church’s worship and ministries.

### Service to Christ

-Stare at Jesus' life! Christian Endeavor develops youth trained to touch the world's brokenness with the victory they know in Christ. Youth do this through their unique God-given gifts and the collective gifts God provides to the church.

### PLEDGE

Trusting the Lord Jesus Christ for strength,  
I endeavor to **live** for Him boldly and make it the practice of my life to:  
pray and study God's Word daily, serve others freely,  
share my faith openly, worship God in my church regularly,  
and humbly **lead** His cause for my generation.

### PRIORITIES

C.E. builds community through five routines based on Acts 2:42-46.

Care- They worshipped together and shared with great joy - C.E. youth care for each other's needs

Act- They sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need - C.E. youth look to meet people's spiritual and physical needs with Christ's love

Meet- Their regular habit was to meet together - C.E. youth are expected to be present when the group meets so they can grow through fellowship

Encounter- They had a deep sense of awe toward God when they sought Him together - C.E. youth share together how they are Encountering God

Learn- They joined together and committed themselves to the apostles' teaching - C.E. youth learn from God's Word

### PROCESS

(The Process below is not a C.E. Essential but is a way of coordinating local church involvement.)

We have chosen \_\_\_\_\_ as the name of our Group.

We have chosen \_\_\_\_\_ as the name of our Connect meeting.

Meeting Times and Place:

Our CONNECT MEETINGS will be held (circle one):      Weekly/Bi-weekly/Monthly

List the following:

Day of the Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Time and Duration: \_\_\_\_\_

Our ENCOUNTER MEETING will be held (circle one):      Monthly, Bi-Monthly, Quarterly

-Normally done at a CONNECT MEETING

T.E.A.M. MEETINGS will be held (circle one):      Weekly, Monthly, Bi-Monthly Quarterly

-Recommended to be held monthly

T.E.A.M.s will be drawn from the following structure (circle one):

- A. **Core** = 5 or less MEMBERS dividing the positions
- B. **Core + 4** = 6-24 MEMBERS with 1-4 MEMBERS per T.E.A.M. Roles will need to be clearly defined in the planning meeting held before the first session in the fall.
- C. **Core + 4 and S'More** = 25+ MEMBERS. This will result in deciding the best way to use the MEMBERS on the T.E.A.M.s. How you may want to break the group into smaller groups or create T.E.A.M.s within the T.E.A.M.s.
- D. **Core plus your own Creativity**

If adding leadership opportunities through the **Core + 4 and S'More** option, describe if you are multiplying through providing multiple age groups, offering sub T.E.A.M.s, etc:

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Officers/T.E.A.M. Captains: (Change titles to match your church setting)

Officers are:

President or \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Pres. or \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary or \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer or \_\_\_\_\_

T.E.A.M. Captains are:

Teaching or \_\_\_\_\_

Events Team or \_\_\_\_\_

All-Aboard Team or \_\_\_\_\_

Missions Team or \_\_\_\_\_

As one of the principles of C.E. you are encouraged to fellowship with other churches during the school year. What events/gatherings, etc. do you have planned: (please list the event, date, event purpose, and other churches you'll be fellowshiping with)

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We commit to praying for, promoting, and if possible financially supporting Christian Endeavor. We recommend this includes a C.E. Sunday held close to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the anniversary of the first C.E. meeting. We understand C.E. will send material regarding this promotion in advance of this date.

We, (insert group name) \_\_\_\_\_ of (insert church name) \_\_\_\_\_, having read and understanding the Christian Endeavor Essentials and spending time in prayer, choosing godly Coaches, signing the Christian Endeavor Pledge, choosing key T.E.A.M. leaders and Officers, and planning our Meetings, do hereby Covenant to embrace Christian Endeavor and do all we can to live for Christ and the Church by following the Essentials.

Signed this Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Members: (List names of all who signed the pledge)

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| 3. _____  | 4. _____  |
| 5. _____  | 6. _____  |
| 7. _____  | 8. _____  |
| 9. _____  | 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 12. _____ |

Please use a separate sheet of paper for additional names that have signed the pledge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lead Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lead Youth Worker/Adult Head Coach

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date