

Covenant of Community Life

St Timothy's Young Adult Intentional Christian Community

1. Our Shared Vision

This household exists to provide a safe, supportive, and Christ-centred home for students and young adults connected to St Timothy's Church. We seek to grow together in faith, character, hospitality, and everyday discipleship.

By choosing to live here, each resident expresses a desire to participate in a community shaped by the way of Jesus, marked by grace, honesty, and mutual care.

This covenant outlines the shared values and expectations that help us live well together. It is not a legal contract but a voluntary commitment to one another in Christian community.

2. Our Shared Values

Our relationships are foundational to creating a loving, supportive, and Christ-centred household where each person can grow spiritually, live responsibly, and contribute positively to the community. To guide our interactions, encourage mutual care, and help us maintain a harmonious and welcoming home for all residents, we commit to these values:

- **Kindness:** Cultivating a home marked by kindness, forgiveness, and mutual respect.
 - **Honesty:** Communicating truthfully and graciously, fostering openness in all our interactions.
 - **Responsibility:** Taking ownership of our actions and seeking reconciliation promptly when conflicts arise.
 - **Respect:** Valuing each person's dignity and contributions, fostering a culture of mutual regard and honour.
 - **Participation:** Actively being involved in the shared life and duties of the household, contributing to a supportive and cooperative environment.
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3. Participation in the Life of St Timothy's

As part of a Christian community house connected to St Timothy's, we commit to active participation in the life and mission of the parish. This involvement helps us grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and contribute to the wider church family,

reflecting our shared commitment to discipleship and service. We do this by committing to:

- Regular Sunday worship at St Timothy's unless prevented by work, illness, or travel.
 - Engaging in at least one ministry, small group, or service activity within the parish.
 - Praying for the parish, its leaders, and its mission.
 - Representing the house and the church with integrity in our public and private lives.
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4. Weekly Flat Meeting

Central to the weekly rhythms is a flat meeting that builds connection and trust. In seeking this, at each meeting we will commit to:

- **Worship and prayer**
- **House notices and decisions**
- **Planning shared meals, chores, and rhythms of life**

Attendance is expected unless unavoidable circumstances arise.

5. Moral and Lifestyle Expectations

As a young adult seeking to follow Christ, we commit to:

- No romantic relationships between flatmates while living together, to preserve harmony and respect within the household.
 - No partners staying overnight in the house.
 - No alcohol or drugs are permitted on site.
 - Using digital media, gaming, and entertainment in ways that honour God and respect others' wellbeing.
 - Practising financial responsibility and transparency in shared expenses.
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6. House Rhythms and Responsibilities

To ensure a well-functioning and welcoming home for all flat mates, we commit to:

- Keeping shared spaces clean, tidy, and welcoming.
 - Completing agreed chores on time.
 - Managing noise respectfully, especially late at night.
 - Sharing responsibility for household supplies and costs.
 - Communicating clearly about guests, travel, and changes to routines.
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7. Disciplinary Procedure

While this covenant is built on trust and mutual respect, breaches of these commitments can affect the household's harmony and wellbeing. When a breach occurs, we seek to address it with grace and clarity through a fair disciplinary process that aims to restore relationships and uphold our shared values. This process includes:

- A private conversation to understand the issue and hear all perspectives.
- Encouragement to reconcile and amend the behaviour in line with our commitments.
- If needed, involvement of the parish leadership or pastoral support for guidance and mediation.
- In persistent or serious cases, a review of residency may be considered to protect the community.

Our goal is always restoration, accountability, and maintaining a loving, supportive home for all residents.

Duration and Review

This covenant is entered into voluntarily by each resident.

It will be reviewed:

- At the beginning of each year
 - Whenever a new resident joins the house
 - Whenever the household discerns the need for revision
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Our Promise

By signing below, we affirm our desire to live together in Christian community, to grow in Christ, and to honour one another in love. We understand that this covenant is relational, not legal, and expresses our shared commitment to a way of life shaped by the gospel.

Names:

Signatures:

Date: