

C O V E N A N T

In the Bible, relationships were established between God and God's people called covenants. God chose to bind Godself to us with promises of protection and steadfast love. We in turn bind ourselves to God, promising our loyalty and trust, and choosing to meet obligations that cause our relationship to thrive.

When we establish a covenant with people who choose to enter sanctuary in Nassau Presbyterian Church, we promise to protect and care for them and, over time, build a relationship of mutual respect, no matter what the legal outcome. Our intent is to create the possibility of a future in which they are safe and they can thrive. To that end, and recognizing that Nassau Presbyterian Church cannot guarantee safety from arrest and deportation,

Nassau Presbyterian Church covenants to

- Welcome you into our church family. Your private living space is on the lower level, under the kitchen. We pledge our care and our provision for you while you are our guests.
- Accompany you to activities of your choice. You are welcome, but not required, to worship with us, and to participate in church programs and activities that interest and nurture you.
- Support and advocate for your application for immigration status for the length of your stay.
- Provide contact information for members of the Sanctuary Team, who will serve as emergency contacts 24/7.
- Coordinate shopping and laundry through the Sanctuary Team.
- Provide use of the kitchen as often as possible, and make a weekly schedule available.
- Allow you access to parts of the building not in active use for church activities. The Sanctuary Team will provide a weekly schedule of events and locations.
- Welcome your visitors, including lawyers, physicians, other support personnel and friends, when the church is open.

Sanctuary guests covenant to

- Remain in the building at all times, and never open outside doors (Doing so may put you at immediate risk.)
- Keep all personal possessions in your private space, or your assigned space in the kitchen.
- Be properly clothed at all times when going between your room and the bathrooms.
- Keep, and leave, all spaces you use in the building clean and organized in the way you found them.
- Take NPC's Child Protection Policy Training. Observe the requirements of the policy at all times. This includes not allowing children and youth who are present in the building for church programs to enter your room unless accompanied by a parent, youth sponsor or church staff.
- Require visitors during normal business hours to check in and out at the church office. For all other times the church is open, submit the names of visitors to the Sanctuary Team for visiting privileges.
- Neither possess nor use candles, cigarettes including e-cigarettes, alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons.
- Have no pets.

Note: This covenant will be individualized to particular guests; for example, to address the unique needs of a family with citizen children.