

### **Member's Statement of Intent and Purpose**

Having received the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior, having been baptized in obedience to His Word, having been brought together providentially with this group of believers and being in agreement with the constitution of **Lost River Bethany Mennonite Church**, I joyfully enter into this agreement of intent and purpose with the members of this local representation of the Body of Christ.

By the direction and help of the Holy Spirit:

**I will** seek to honor Jesus Christ through my efforts to advance His cause in my own family by having personal and family devotions and by training my children according to the Word of God.

**I will** consider this church an essential part of my life; to promote its spirituality, program and prosperity; to pray for, encourage and submit to the rightful authority of its leadership; to attend its meetings when not providentially hindered; to support its ministry financially as God enables and directs; to guard its public testimony; to strive heartily for the building up of this Body of Christ in faith, hope and love; to function within the Body according to the gift(s) given me for its benefit; and in any way possible to further its goals of reaching the lost and discipling the believers.

**I will** seek to walk in Christian love by avoiding gossip, slander and anger; by praying for the members of this church and helping them in sickness or distress; by cultivating Christian empathy and courtesy; and by being genuine and without offense.

**I will** seek to share the Gospel of Christ Jesus with the "whole world" and so I will make every effort to be honest and exemplary in my conduct by abstaining from anything that might be a detriment to my testimony for Christ.

**I purpose** to yield to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in my spirit in order to progressively put away the patterns of thought, word and deed of the "old life," putting in its place the patterns of the "Christ-life"; to do all things to the glory of God and in the name of the Lord Jesus; to exercise my Christian liberty in such a way as not to grieve, offend or cause my brother or sister to stumble; and to recognize the Bible as the supreme and final authority in faith and practice inside and outside of the church.

**If I move from this area**, I will unite as soon as possible with another Bible-believing church in which I can carry out the principles of the Word of God and the spirit of this statement. In the event there is not such a church, I shall seek, with the Lord's help, to establish one.

**If I am absent from this assembly for more than two years without supporting it, or without providing an expected return date to regular attendance, you may move my name from the active membership list to the list of inactive members.**

**I gladly make this covenant in humble dependence upon the Holy Spirit of God for the power to carry out its provisions.**

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Print Name

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Signature

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month/day/year

*Please return completed application form to the Pastor*