

## COVENANT OF COMMITMENT

Listed below are the primary expectations for the strategic planning team. Please read them and sign at the bottom with the appropriate date.

To the best of my ability with the help of my Savior, I commit to the following:

1. To **pray** for Whatcoat United Methodist Church, the Visioning Task Force, the people in the communities and neighborhoods we serve, and this visioning/discernment process
2. To be a **positive participant** who will enthusiastically support the process
3. To be a **team player** (not necessarily a "yes" person), sharing honestly the things I have learned, listening with an open, respectful heart, and recognizing the Holy Spirit's leadership in all that I do
4. To **support team consensus decisions** even when I don't agree – expecting that I will be heard and that I will hear others, and then we determine together what seems good to the Holy Spirit and to all of us, rather than to any one of us
5. To **be present at the meetings** in a way that values my time and commitment to this process as well as the time and commitment of others
6. To **participate** in the group processes, such as storyboarding
7. To **keep confidential** matters confidential – abiding by Matthew 18:15–17 in my dealings with team members:
  - 15 'If a brother or sister sins, go and point out the fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. ' 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.
8. To **commit to the total time necessary** for the process (six months)
9. To **use my gifts and abilities** to support and enhance the process
10. To be **involved in the implementation** phase as much as possible
11. To **be prepared for each team session** (reading, prayer, and other assignments)
12. To proactively **promote the work of the team** with the congregation

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Aubrey Malphurs. *Advanced Strategic Planning: A New Model for Church and Ministry Leaders* (p. 316). Kindle Edition.