

Common Ground Minister's Covenant
At Common Ground, Minister's are ALL IN!

Rather than having membership, Common Ground has All In Ministers. An All In Minister is committed to and prioritizes all that is written below. An All in Minister is expected to take responsibility for the mission and vision of Common Ground. Use your skills, your gifting, and your resources to progress Jesus' mission. You are expected to share your opinions and convictions as you are a vital and necessary minister to the whole. You must be ready to serve others, and to be served by others as the Spirit leads.

A Plan A – I share a better way and there is no Plan B.

God's Plan A for the world to hear about His love is that we live a lifestyle of sharing our faith through our actions and words. There is no Plan B. The Bible says in Proverbs 14:12 that, "*There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.*" We have a better way. As ministers, we show people that Jesus came to give them life (John 10:10). We share our faith by our actions. We live a life that honors Christ and draws people to Him. We also use our words. We are ready to share our STORY. As ministers, we tell people what God is doing in us. This is Plan A. There is no Plan B.

Love God – Everything I do, I do for God. (Up)

Romans 5:8 says that, "*God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*" Jesus stated in Matthew 22:37 that the greatest commandment is to "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.*" We have the opportunity to live in an intimate love relationship with God the creator, through Jesus His son. **Our greatest purpose is to worship God and bring Him glory through an authentic relationship with Him.** As all in Ministers we are committed to pursuing God in relationship as a lifestyle, **regularly studying the bible and praying** so that God may speak directly into our lives.

Learning and Living – We live out God's truth together. (In)

A disciple (Jesus Follower) is a person who follows Jesus with total abandon. A disciple is a life-long learner and follower of Jesus. Spiritual growth is best accomplished in authentic community around the word of God. As ministers, we attend worship services and outpost groups that help us grow in our relationship with God and others. It does not stop here however. As ministers, we "live what we learn". We take to heart James 1:22 that says, "*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*" We are better together.

Invest – I invest my time, talents, and treasure in God's Kingdom.

As all in Jesus followers we are committed to being good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. Understanding this, we support Common Ground with our time, talents, and treasure. As ministers, we give generously and sacrificially to God (2 Corinthians 8-9) and discover our gifts so that we can serve God through the church.

Not About Me – I fight for Peace.

As ministers, we concentrate on Plan A, instead of dwelling on other's flaws. In Ephesians 4:1-6 Paul says, "*I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*" We are all on the same team. Let's live like it. Betting on God is never a gamble!!

I'm **ALL IN:** _____
Print Name Date Signature