

# COVENANT DIAGNOSTIC TOOL

## MISSION COVENANT

**Christian mission is the announcement and demonstration of the Lordship of Jesus Christ, in the way of Jesus, to our world, both locally and globally.**

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### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Read through each element of the Covenant and ask God to bring to mind the ways your church is responding to each mission evidence;
  2. Mark each box with either (A) the church is meeting this evidence, (B) the church is partially or occasionally fulfilling this evidence, or (C) the church is not fulfilling this evidence. If you are unsure, just leave the box blank.
  3. Make notes (bullet points) in the boxes where you see the church fulfilling (even if partially) the evidences listed;
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**1.** A mission-shaped church  
**ANNOUNCES** the Lordship of Jesus  
 locally and globally.

*This will be evidenced by:*

<b>Mission Evidence</b>	<b>Comments about our church</b>
a. Regular opportunity for response to the Gospel within the life and mission of the church;	
b. Regular opportunities for members to hear of evangelistic projects and needs they might commit to;	
c. A regular assessment of the needs of our immediate neighbourhood/locality to determine whether certain ethnic, demographic or sub-cultural groups are not hearing the announcement of the Lordship of Jesus;	
d. A corporate commitment to at least one local and one global evangelistic focus;	
e. Active and prayerful consideration as to how we can be involved with planting a new congregation;	
f. A commitment to regularly pray as a whole church for non-Christians to turn to Jesus whether they be found locally or globally.	

**2.** A mission-shaped church  
**DEMONSTRATES** the Lordship of Jesus  
 locally and globally.

*This will be evidenced by:*

<b>Mission Evidence</b>	<b>Comments about our church</b>
a. The fostering of a community life that models compassion, generosity, hospitality and justice as expressions of the love of Jesus;	
b. Regular opportunities for members to hear of effective community development projects and needs they might commit to;	
c. A regular assessment of the needs of our immediate neighbourhood/locality to determine whether certain ethnic, demographic or sub-cultural groups are not benefiting from the demonstration of the Lordship of Jesus;	
d. A corporate commitment to at least one local and one global initiative aimed at addressing injustice, alleviating suffering or showing practical love in Jesus' name;	
e. An annual review of our budget and the degree to which our missional priorities are reflected in our financial commitments;	
f. A commitment to regularly pray as a whole church for the needs of our world, locally, regionally, nationally and globally.	

**3. A mission-shaped church  
does mission **IN THE WAY OF JESUS.****

*This will be evidenced by:*

<b>Mission Evidence</b>	<b>Comments about our church</b>
a. Regular teaching from the Gospels about the missional priorities, lifestyle and message of Jesus, and the fostering of a faith community that reflects this;	
b. Regular opportunities for members to discern their own missional vocation;	
c. Regular training and resourcing for members to be able to incarnationally develop friendships and share their faith in culturally and relationally effective ways;	
d. Active reliance on the empowering Spirit in the announcement and demonstration of Jesus Lordship;	
e. Regular assessment of the time commitments of pastoral staff and lay leaders to determine that too much of their time is not spent on 'in-house' church activities and that they are freed to engage regularly with unchurched people;	
f. Regular teaching on the needs of our world and ways members can become actively involved.	