

As a participant of the **Miles to Minneapolis** campaign, I pledge to begin or deepen my commitment to uplift my community. I understand my civic and social obligation to my neighbor is an expression of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Henceforth, I **COMMIT TO** the following:

1. Engage in Public Service

My civic duty does not begin and end every four years for presidential election cycles. I will follow and engage with local and states elections and legislation, especially those directly affecting marginalized communities.

2. Vote and Get Counted

I understand civic participation requires me to be registered to vote and counted with the federal census. I must also encourage those in my sphere of influence to register to vote and complete their census forms.

3. Become Culturally Informed

There is no room for ignorance as we work to create a more just, peaceful, and understanding community. I will commit to learning about the different races, ethnicities, nationalities, faiths, worldviews, and concerns of my neighbors. I will help create safe spaces to learn about the lived experience of people who are not like me.

4. Learn a New Trade and Support Black Businesses

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the fragility of the corporate workforce. Jobs that may have been traditionally frowned upon by those of different socioeconomic statuses are now deemed “essential.” I must consider ways to be self-sufficient in order to support myself and my family, especially during times of crisis. This may mean learning a new trade or helping others build skills in a specific industry. Also, in light of the effects of the coronavirus, many small business owners, especially black business owners, have not received promised government assistance to help sustain their operations. Thus, I commit to locating and financially supporting black businesses in my community.

5. Take Charge of my Health

I cannot be the hands and feet of Jesus if my wellbeing is in poor condition. In order to ensure I’m fully equipped to represent Christ in my community, I will seek professional medical care and public resources needed to improve my physical and mental health.

By taking this pledge, I have agreed that my involvement in this movement does not end after this program. I am officially joining a community of people stretching from the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, all the way to Minneapolis, Minnesota, who have been activated to be faith-based change agents in their communities. We will hold each other accountable for the commitments we made to ourselves and our communities.

Name

Date