



COMMUNITY COVENANT

In striving to be a community that is developing and growing in our relationship with God and with each other, San Diego Christian College (SDCC) has accepted the following principles and standards that commit us to model and support a biblical worldview and lifestyle. This covenant is the agreement that governs our relationships in order to provide unity and continuity throughout the workings of our organization. The principles set forth in this covenant are principles applied to believers by scripture and values particular to the SDCC Community. In order to live in peace and harmony while being accountable for our relationship with God and each other, we commit to the principles and standards of the SDCC Community Covenant and the expectations outlined in the student and employee handbooks.

Authority of God's Word

We believe in the absolute integrity and inspired Word of God that is inerrant in relation to any subject. By following the Scriptures regarding lifestyle decisions and choices, we will recognize and desire a life of holiness with God and others, and we are committed to SDCC's Statement of Faith.

The Lordship of Christ

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and have accepted Him as our personal Savior. It is our desire to allow Him to be the Lord of our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. Realizing the need to surrender ourselves to Christ and each other, we will foster our personal relationship by practicing spiritual disciplines such as Bible study, prayer, devotion, worship, service, accountability, witnessing and giving. As we experience God's transforming power, we will develop personally and corporately in order to glorify God and impact the world for Christ by displaying the fruits of His Spirit.

Christian Character and Integrity

We believe we are created holistically in God's image, and we are called to develop a lifestyle that balances the spiritual, intellectual, physical, social and emotional dimensions of our being. With this in mind, these principles of the SDCC Community challenge each of us to practice Christian character and integrity through principles established by scripture and guidelines developed through SDCC traditions.

Biblical character is highly valued and desired at SDCC. Scripture describes character qualities by what it is and what it is not. The positive traits we commit to included in our character are love, joy, kindness, patience, humility, compassion, forgiveness, hospitality, integrity, generosity, care for the oppressed, commitment to justice, and the recognition of the rights and needs of others. The traits that should not inhabit our lives are identified as abusive anger; malice; jealousy; lust; sexually immoral behavior including premarital sex, adultery, pornography, and homosexuality; evil desires; prejudice based on race, sex, or socioeconomic status; greed; idolatry; slander; profanity; lying; drunkenness; thievery; and dishonesty.

Christian integrity is highly valued and desired at SDCC. While the principles of the SDCC Community describe character and integrity through scripture principles, we also describe it through our traditions. Scripture provides specific guidelines to develop character but it also calls us to practice restraint for the common good. Therefore, as a member of the SDCC community we will abstain from the use of illegal drugs, unauthorized use or abuse of prescription medications, all alcoholic beverages and tobacco. We will practice a lifestyle that honors God as it relates to our attire, to our entertainment choices, and to the day-to-day areas of our lives. The guiding principle for these choices comes from Philippians 4:8, "...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things."

Conclusions

This covenant is binding for all members who choose to become a part of the SDCC Community and are standards that should be maintained while a member of the community. We agree to be held accountable to the biblical standards and the traditions of this commitment. We understand that appropriate action will be taken if the covenant is disregarded. The goal of the appropriate action will always be characterized by Christ's love and redemptive spirit; however, we must recognize that ultimately withdrawal from the community may result if these commitments are not honored.

The Community Covenant is subject to approved changes of the Student Handbook and the Employee Handbook and also recognizes agreement with the SDCC Doctrinal Statement.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____