

Provoking One Another Unto Love and Good Works

“Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works...” – Hebrews 10:24

While rummaging through some old folders in my cabinet, I came across a worn paper from September 1853. It was a handwritten church covenant penned by a clerk, with words that almost startled me because of their inference of brotherly love and affection, words that should serve as a prayerful reminder to us as a church body today. I include it here for your careful consideration.

“As we trust we have by Divine Grace been brought to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ and by the influence of His Spirit to give ourselves up to Him; so we do solemnly covenant with each other (as God shall enable us) to walk together in brotherly love, that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully warn, rebuke, and admonish our brethren as the case may require; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer, both for ourselves and others; that we will participate in each other’s joys and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other’s burdens and sorrows; that we will seek Divine aid to enable us to walk circumspectly and watchfully in the world; denying ungodliness and every worldly lust; that we will strive together for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us and to spread the gospel abroad; that we will through life amidst evil report and good report seek to live to the glory of Him who had called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

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