Appendix B

Missional Community Covenant Sample

Below is an example of a missional community covenant agreed to by the Wedge Missional Community. This community includes approximately twelve adults and ten children. The group is primarily focused on serving the families, students, faculty, and neighborhoods around Grant Elementary School.

Gospel

I believe the gospel is the power of God for salvation through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ saving me for the purpose of glorifying God and participating in his mission of saturation through making disciples who make disciples.

I believe I *have been saved* from the penalty of sin . . .

- I believe I was an enemy of God because of my sin and rebellion against him, deserving his wrath.
- I believe Jesus is the Son of God who is fully God and fully man and that he lived his life fully submitted to God the Father.
- I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins according to the Scriptures.
- I believe Jesus rose again on the third day and appeared to many people.

- I believe Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father and sent his Spirit to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
- I believe the Holy Spirit has made me alive in Christ and I am now no longer condemned, but a new creation, loved by God as Father, submitted to Jesus as Lord, and sent and empowered by the Spirit for the mission of making disciples.

I believe I *am being saved* from the power of sin . . .

- I believe that the Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead now lives in me and I have access to the power of God to overcome sin and Satan today.
- I believe it is God's will that I be sanctified—set apart to do his will.
- I desire to obey God and continue to grow in becoming more like Jesus and accomplishing his mission.
- I believe I have all I need to make this a reality—his Spirit, his Word, and his church—and I intend to steward all of this for his glory.

I believe I *will be saved* from the presence of sin . . .

- I believe Jesus will one day return and will make an end to sin, suffering, evil, and brokenness.
- I believe there will be a new heaven and a new earth.
- I believe he will judge the living and the dead, and all those who put their trust in Jesus's life, death, and resurrection on their behalf will enjoy being in God's presence forever in the new heaven and new earth.
- I believe all those who trust in something or someone other than Jesus for their life and justification before God will be separated from God forever.
- I believe it is our job as the church to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls and to display

through our lives a foretaste of the future so that people will hunger for it and put their faith in Jesus Christ.

Gospel Identity

I believe that I have been given a new identity in Christ. I am now a child of God (family) sent by the power of the Spirit (missionary) to serve our King (servant) in fulfilling his mission to be disciples who make disciples.

Missionaries

We are Holy Spirit-filled missionaries sent as disciples to make disciples.

How will we commit ourselves as disciples who make disciples in the power of the Spirit?

1. We believe we are sent to the faculty, students, family, and surrounding area of Grant Elementary School.
2. We also plan to support "making disciples of all nations" by supporting Yoshito Noguchi planting a church in Tokyo.
3. We will regularly engage in monthly school activities (school dances, parties, game nights, etc.).
4. We will frequent restaurants and cafés on 6th Avenue.
5. Some of the women will join the indoor women's soccer team that plays on Thursday nights.
6. Some will coach or be involved with kids through soccer or football.
7. We all will try to have one weekly intentional engagement over a meal, a drink, or an activity with people in this context.
8. We will provide weekly campfire/s'mores nights during the summer to invite friends to.
9. We will serve at the Friday night cookouts on the Grant campus in June and July.

10. We will go through *The Story-Formed Way*[1] together in the fall with new friends.
11. We will set aside time to pray together for those in need in the community—minimally at our weekly family meal.
12. Each missional community member will go through the personal discipleship assessment tool and work with others in the group to identify two to three action plans for development.

Servants

We are servants of King Jesus committed to serving others.

How will we tangibly demonstrate the impact of the gospel in service to King Jesus?

1. We will serve at the yearly auction to raise money for arts education and the funding of special school events. This will include hosting planning meetings, serving on the planning team, and executing the actual auction.
2. Some of us will participate in the weekend backpack program to ensure students go home with food for the weekend.
3. Some of the moms will be teacher's assistants in the school.
4. We will financially give toward special needs that arise.
5. We will prepare and plant the community garden and care for it throughout the season, then share the harvest with the neighborhood and community.
6. We will restore Nicki's home for Jonathan to move into and eventually provide another missional community meeting place.
7. We will help one another in DNA groups to grow in worshiping Jesus through our daily jobs.

[1] To learn more about *The Story-Formed Way* curriculum, please visit www.saturatetheworld.com/story-formed-way

8. We will provide child care for people to have date nights and go away on weekend getaways.
9. We will ensure that each of us has a well-thought-out budget with generous giving to the church and community in place.
10. We will all share in providing for our weekly meal.

Family

We are children of God who love one another as family.

How will we express our love as brothers and sisters adopted by the Father?

1. We will share a weekly meal together that we all contribute to.
2. We will ensure we are all part of a DNA group that is studying the Bible together and helping one another grow in repentance, faith, and obedience to God's Word.
3. We will make time weekly to pray for one another.
4. Some of us will commit to read through the Bible in a year.
5. We will commit to put away all falsehood and speak truthfully to one another, not putting up with gossip or slander.
6. We will commit to connecting with one another outside of planned weekly events through social media and special outings together.
7. Some will take responsibility to ensure a monthly game night occurs.
8. We will attend the weekly gathering with the larger body and take Communion together.
9. We will make sure we all know one another's stories. When a new person joins, we will hear his or her story and then invite him or her over for dinner to hear each of ours over the course of a few months.
10. We will go away once a year on a weekend retreat together.

11. We will celebrate one another's birthdays and throw baby showers for new mothers to be.

I, Jeffrey T. Vanderstelt, commit, with God's help, from
NAME

1/31/14 to 12/31/14, to live in light of my new identity in Christ
START DATE END DATE

in these ways with my missional community.

Jeffrey T. Vanderstelt *Dec. 31, 2013*
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