

RRPC Youth 2021
ASP Covenant
Onward – Galatians 6:9

The Bible is full of stories where God covenanted with the people who had been asked to serve God. Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David all had covenants with God in which both parties made commitments to one another. Jesus Christ offered the new covenant of grace and salvation through his death and resurrection. Jesus then sent us out, saying “*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*” (John 20:21b) As an intentional act of servanthood, I choose to honor God and love neighbor through ASP, and I to enter into a covenant in which I commit:

- To spend time with God in prayer before, during, and after this trip. I know that God will renew my mind through time spent with God. I also know that the state of my spirit will witness to those around me regarding the state of the Holy Spirit, so it is important to prepare my soul and to help others prepare theirs in order that we might have the most impact for Christ in our mission to Appalachia. I will pray daily for myself, for my team, for the family I will serve, and for the trip in general.
- To send a deposit of \$200 along with this signed covenant to reserve my spot and show my commitment to this mission initiative. I understand that the full cost of my trip is approximately \$600 and that generous gifts from a supportive community of faith enable me to attend at a subsidized rate.
- To fundraise* a minimum of \$300 to help cover the cost of my trip, understanding that meaningful participation in fundraising efforts is part of a full mission experience because it creates opportunities for the congregation to support me as a missionary in hands-on ways, therefore joining us together as one church in mission even though each person is not able to physically travel to Appalachia with us.
- To attend to the absolute best of my ability all pre-trip meetings, understanding that ASP is not just one week a year. When we do mission fully, we do it to the glory of God, which manifests in developed relationships, deepened faith, and strengthened community, all of which only have an opportunity to come into being through time spent with my brothers and sisters in Christ seeking God together.

I enthusiastically enter into this covenant, fully embracing this opportunity to use my gifts in praise of my Creator. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

Participant Signature: _____

Participant Name (Printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Name (Printed): _____

*A note about ASP fundraising this year:

Due to the uncertainty with COVID-19, a pledge option will be made available in addition to traditional fundraising. We will provide an opportunity for people to make a pledge in the event the trip is not canceled.

Our main fundraising initiative will be the Ask Letter, very similar to the letters we sent last year. Ask Letters have generated the greatest amount of revenue each year.

Our second initiative is typically the BBQ Dinner and silent auction. It is very likely that this will not occur before our trip, but there may be an opportunity post trip, which can still assist in receiving financial funds to cover costs during the trip such as van rental and incidentals during the trip.

Our final initiative will be selling Partnership Shares to the congregation. When you look at biblical foundations for funding mission, you won't see too many special events. More often than not, Paul just asks and expects people to respond — after all, it is what we are called to do as followers of Christ. This is the model that leads us to Ask Letters and Partnership Shares. This is our opportunity to live into the vision of funding ministry that is offered to us in scripture.

Please note that all money raised is used for the trip and the county we serve in 2021. Any money in excess of our expenses will be donated directly to the county in which we will work this summer.