



Now More Than Ever.
Help Build It!

BECOMING A COVENANT CHURCH

From the very beginning, churches and congregations have been a mainstay of Plainfield Habitat's existence. You have helped us to organize, house, staff, and finance our programs. You have provided inspiration, challenge, and prayer support for our growth and development. You have given us the spiritual basis for our mission.

We now invite you to build upon this legacy by becoming a **"Covenant Church"** with us.



Habitat is what we describe as a "hand-up" not a "hand-out." What we do is to take donated funds, invest them in discounted construction materials and with volunteer labor use them to build or rehabilitate houses for families in need. The houses are sold at cost, with no down payment except for closing costs. We provide a no-interest loan and service the mortgages for its full term. Funds from home sales are recycled into the building of additional houses. Of the unrestricted donations, 90% are expended locally and 10% are tithed to Habitat for Humanity International for global efforts to build shelters and homes throughout the world.

As a **Covenant Church**, you are asked to covenant with our chapter of Habitat to work in a practical "hands-on" partnership to make the dream of decent shelter a reality for families both here and abroad.

We would like you to pray regularly for us, support our efforts with an annual financial gift, and to assist in as many ways as your congregation would feel comfortable with. Some of those ways are listed on the **Covenant Church** agreement. Appoint a person to represent your church at our meetings and to keep in touch with us by email or phone. Develop an ongoing partnership built upon mutual relationship.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rev. Jeremy M. Montgomery
Executive Director



Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity

and

(name of congregation)

Our congregation wishes to join Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity in its mission to improve our community by building decent, affordable homes in partnership with families in need. Through our Covenant relationship, we, as God's servants and workers in the world, express with our time, energy, resources and prayer our belief that all people are entitled to a clean, dry, safe place to call home.

By this covenant we pledge to:

- Pray for the ministry of Habitat for Humanity
- Spread the word about Habitat for Humanity's mission throughout the community
- Participate in the International Day of Prayer, observed each year during the third weekend in September
- Provide local volunteers for Plainfield Habitat construction projects, office support and committee work.
- Select a liaison who will attend quarterly "Faith Relations" meetings in order to pass on information about Habitat activities and volunteer opportunities to the congregation
- Commit to a financial donation each year, or to a five-year covenant, as well as encourage our congregation to support Habitat through other fundraisers or designated offerings during the year
- Study the issue of simple, decent housing within the congregation using Habitat resources, and find ways to advocate on behalf of those in need

Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity pledges to:

- Continue building quality homes with people in need in Greater Plainfield
- Use all donated monies responsibly, including tithing 10% of all undesignated financial contributions to Habitat for Humanity International so that families in other countries will also benefit from safe, affordable housing
- Offer opportunities for congregations to put their faith into action in meaningful ways
- Acknowledge this covenant in our annual report and website.
- Keep congregations informed of progress and needs through regular communication

Covenant Church Representative

Habitat Affiliate Representative