

# PARTNERSHIP COVENANT

As Christian congregations joining together as Tasmanian Baptists:

1. We affirm that God has called us to partnership in this family of churches in order to support each other in being a people of God who exist to glorify Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. With this intent, we prayerfully commit ourselves to the agreed Doctrines, Principles and Objects set forth in the Constitution of Tasmanian Baptists.
2. As an evangelical people, we renew our commitment to proclaiming and living the biblical good news of new life through Jesus Christ at home and overseas, by every appropriate means, so that it touches all dimensions of life.
3. Trusting the presence and power of God's Spirit, we commit ourselves to developing healthy local churches of those who affirm Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, giving evidence of new life in him, and seeking to practise the corporate priesthood of believers. Through vibrant worship, fellowship, discipleship, servant-hood and mission we aspire to express the life of Jesus in communal form.
4. Recognising the authority of Scripture over all human traditions, and believing in the separation of church and state, we seek to honour the comprehensive lordship of Jesus Christ, whilst upholding freedom of conscience for ourselves and others.
5. In Christ's name, we commit to seeking justice, peace and equality, working to alleviate poverty and human suffering throughout the world, challenging the worldly structures that create economic and political bondage, and caring for God's creation.
6. Celebrating the breadth and diversity of God's Kingdom, we willingly commit ourselves to supporting our family of churches here in Tasmania by all practical means, as well as promoting warm relationships with fellow Baptists beyond our state and with Christians of other communions.