

## **Technology Covenant**

Violating any of the rules below may result in your loss of access to ministry technology or a complete loss of the technology altogether. By signing below, you understand and agree that...

Principle No. 1 – Technology is given to use in such a way that it will be evident that neither it nor the access it provides are our treasure; Christ is above all.

Principle No. 2 – We do not own the technology. God does. In general, any technology the ministry provides is given to help transform us into the people God wants us to be and/or to provide some safe entertainment for our enjoyment enjoy.

Principle No. 3 – Anything we watch should be consistent with Philippians 4:8, "...Whatever things are true, ...noble, ...just, ...pure, ...lovely, ...of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things." Why? Proverbs 23:7 cautions, "as a man thinks in his heart, so is he." Whatever we do should be done to the glory of God (Colossians 3:23).

- 1. All electronic devices are to be monitored with ministry approved software.
- 2. No Apple/Mac technology is permitted.
- 3. If anyone is found using technology the ministry provides in a way that is inconsistent with these principles, that person will lose access to that technology.
- 4. At no time does technology take priority over the rules of the ministry, education or employment related activities. Bedtime is at 10 PM. Education and employment activities always come before recreation.
- 5. There will be no excessively pornographic, sexual, violent, drug-related, gang, gambling, explicit, inappropriate or offensive content or communication allowed. (We know ratings vary and for different reasons. We won't restrict games by their rating at this time but, if anyone abuses this privilege, that person or the house may lose access altogether.)
- 6. When in doubt about whether content is appropriate or inappropriate, I will first ask myself, "What would Jesus do? Would He watch or listen to this? Would He approve of me doing so?" If you're still uncertain, ask your mentor.
- 7. Violating the terms of this Technology Covenant, tampering with the ministry installed software or security systems, breaking any technology in acts of rage or violence or in immature outbursts, regardless of the context, will result in immediate loss of some or all technology related access and may result in termination from the program.

<b>HOPE's House Guest Printed Name</b>	Signature

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