



Love INC of Metro Tampa  
Love In the Name of Christ

## Church Partnership Covenant

*We are joining the Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of Metro Tampa, an association of Christian churches by submitting this Partnership Covenant. This Covenant declares our desire to serve people and our community through transformational ministry. In submitting this Covenant, our church and Love INC agree to the following:*

### Love INC promises to:

- Verify the legitimacy of needs through the Love INC screening process.
- Discover if those receiving assistance are already receiving help from other churches or agencies.
- Lessen the burden of any one church by rotating assistance requests among partner churches.
- Help churches steward resources, and coordinate volunteer opportunities, thereby
- Decreasing mercy ministry administrative burdens on the church.
- Prayerfully discern how to best help a person in need by discovering and solving problems at the root level.
- Provide long-term, self-help solutions to those with challenges.
- Help provide specific, manageable opportunities for churches and their members to reach out with God’s love to people in need.
- Provide on-going training for Help Center volunteers to serve in ways that transform; love with accountability.
- Enable churches to assist those outside of their own congregation.
- Offer a unified witness of God’s love to the community as Christian Churches work together as One Body.

***Without church partners, there is no Love INC.***

**Therefore, our church commits to the following:** *(Please initial each covenant statement below)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Support Love INC with the time and talents of our church members, encouraging and referring volunteers to Love INC.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in the Financial Support of Love INC.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Refer people in need to The Help Center and participate in the transformational process.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pray regularly for Love INC, our guests and volunteers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Agree with Love INC’s Mission, Vision, Core Values, and The Apostles’ Creed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assign a Love INC Church Ministry Coordinator (CMC) from our church, within 30 days, to act as the liaison with Love INC to help mobilize our church to serve the community and people in need.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Celebrate our partnership by hosting an annual Love INC Sunday and allow Love INC to use the church's name and logo in their communications.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Offer Love INC volunteer trainings programs and giving opportunities to our congregation through our usual church communications.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide written notice of covenant termination should we decide to no longer partner with Love INC by sending a letter or email to Ann M. Doyle, Love INC Executive Director (adoyle@loveinctampa.org).



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Love INC requests prayerful discernment of your church’s role in meeting the financial needs of Love INC of Metro Tampa. To help your discernment, we ask our 15 member churches to collectively support **21 % of our 2020 annual budget of \$162,521 or \$34,000 / \$2,275 /average per church**. Because Love INC is mostly volunteer based, approximately **95% of all funds raised directly supports our mission**.

Suggested Monthly Donation to Love INC of Metro Tampa	
1,000 or more households	≥ \$750 per month
750 or more households	≥ \$500 per month
500 or more households	≥ \$250 per month
250 or more households	≥ \$100 per month
100 or less households	≥ \$50 per month

**Other Support?** On a voluntary basis, your church may be asked to contribute additional financial support to pool with other partner churches in support of our guests’ long-term support plan.

For example: A guest with a verified \$750 partial rent request would contribute \$150 to be combined with \$500 shared amongst multiple partner churches.

We pledge to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month to Love INC beginning: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Love INC Representative (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Attachment:** Apostle’s Creed and Confidentiality Statement, Church Profile, Church Resource Inventory

**Attachment: Apostles’ Creed and Confidentiality Statement**

### The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Confidentiality Statement

As a church, we understand that Love INC handles confidential personal and financial information of people referred to them. We agree to honor that confidentiality of people we refer to Love INC.

### Signature

I believe the Apostles’ Creed and agree to abide by Love INC’s Confidentiality Statement.

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Signature Date

Annual renewal:

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Signature Date