

**FRESH AIRE SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER (FASCC)  
COVENANT AGREEMENT  
with  
PARTNERSHIP CHURCHES**

Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center is a professional health care ministry. Help is offered by certified or licensed professionals through counseling; education and training; coaching; and consultation. The Center endorses the belief that mind, body, and spirit are interrelated and good health care is sensitive to all three. All Samaritan counselors are trained in spiritual integration and psychology. The Samaritan Counseling Center partners with participating congregations to provide this specialized ministry. The relationship is based upon the following covenant agreement.

**THE CENTER'S COMMITMENTS**

**LEVEL 1 PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENTS**

1. Provide fee-based counseling to members of the congregation; to others referred by the congregation or its clergy; and to persons in the community who prefer to receive help from a faith-related Center.
2. Hire counselors who understand and can help clients build upon their religious beliefs.
3. Maintain an assistance fund for reduced-fee clients.
4. Maintain the Samaritan Institute's accreditation standards.
5. Provide pulpit supply once a year.
7. Publicize the congregation as a Level 1 partner in the Center materials. Provide promotional information and program updates on a regular basis. These materials help inform the congregations' members of opportunities available through the Center, assist the congregation in interpreting the Center, and maintain local accountability.
8. Provide bi-monthly articles on spirituality and mental health related issues for publication in newsletter.

**LEVEL 2 PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENTS**

9. Provide consultation to the staff and leadership of the congregation. This includes consultation for the clergy as they request assistance in their pastoral care and counseling.
10. Be available to participate in worship, give presentation at board or committee meetings, mission fairs, etc., twice a year.

11. Publicize the congregation as a Level 2 partner in the Center materials.

### **LEVEL 3 PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENTS**

12. Provide six hours of educational programming to the congregation each year at no charge and make additional hours available at the Center's break-even cost. Program examples include courses on relationships, marriage preparation, marriage enrichment, divorce recovery, grief support, vocational assessment, advanced training for Stephen Ministers, lay care givers training, assessment of and working with personality and leadership styles.
13. Give scheduling and fee-assistance priority to the congregation's members.
14. Provide a position on the FASCC Board and/or Advisory Council for a member of the congregation.
15. Publicize the congregation as a Level 3 partner in the Center materials.

### **THE CONGREGATION'S PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENTS**

1. Pray for the work of the FASCC's staff and its Board. This would include listing the Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center in the congregation's prayer list.
2. Endorse the Center as an extension of the congregation's ministry. Add an FASCC link to the church's website.
3. Use the Center as a trusted resource for quality counseling and consultation.
4. Publicize the Center in the congregation's communication materials. Examples of such publicity might be: listing the FASCC's Executive Director or its staff counselors along with the congregation's staff in such things as church bulletins, annual reports, newsletters, and so forth; including the Center's services in materials that describe the congregation's program; and distributing information about the Center to members of the congregation as appropriate.
5. Introduce the FASCC's Executive Director and/or appropriate staff counselors to members who may wish to refer others to the Center, e.g., physicians, attorneys, etc.
6. Help the FASCC recruit Board members and/or Advisory Council leadership from the congregation's membership.
7. Include an annual FASCC report on the agenda of the congregation's administrative board to be presented by a Center Board or staff representative.
8. Provide advance notice of at least one year before ending the agreement.

9. Make an annual cash or in-kind contribution:

- LEVEL 1: Less than \$1 per member to receive Center commitments 1-7
- LEVEL 2: \$1-\$2 per member receive Center commitments 1-10
- LEVEL 3: \$3 and above per member receive commitments 1-13

Our congregational leaders support the ministry of Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center by choosing the following level of commitment:

- LEVEL 1
- LEVEL 2
- LEVEL 3

By entering into this covenant agreement we understand that the covenant may be reviewed annually and that changes may occur at that time. We further understand that, as with any other faith-based covenant, this document is not a legal document but reflects our commitment to each other's work in ministry.

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Samaritan Center Representative

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Congregation Name

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Congregation Representative

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Date