

COMMUNITY COVENANT

A. MY CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT

I commit to do everything I can to live as a follower of Christ individually and in union with my American teaching team. I understand that in addition to my professional teaching responsibility I am also in Japan to be a Christian witness to the Japanese people.

B. SUPPORTING THE FUNEHIKI EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Because of the close connection between the Funehiki Evangelical Church and the Wakakusa English School, I agree to support the church and its pastors, Mr. Kosuke Maki and Mr. Shinji Okubo. There are many ways to support the church: praying for the church members and church growth, frequently or occasionally attending services, contributing financially, offering to help with special music or events, etc. I will show my support by assisting in team outreaches to the community and by attending the Sunday services and events as I can. I understand I am also free to attend church services elsewhere.

C. MY AMERICAN TEAM

(The following have been deemed important in order for the team to maintain its focus, unity, and direction. Please refer to the covenant from time to time.)

- I will support the American team leaders in their responsibilities. I will give advance notice to the team leader if I feel I cannot attend a mandatory team function (including, but not limited to, the weekly planning meeting and the weekly Bible Study).
- I will be open to counsel, support, and correction from my colleagues and especially from the team leaders.
- I will not tolerate gossip and any other harmful form of speech and I will hold other team members accountable to the same.
- I will encourage and support group social activities and friendships with the entire American team as much as possible. I will seek to avoid cliques and will instead work on building relationships with all of the team members.
- I agree to avoid exclusive or romantic relationships with anyone in Tamura during my contract period. This includes my fellow team members and anyone in this community. I understand that this is with the intent of preserving team unity and the success of the mission-work I am undertaking. In the event that I seriously wish to pursue a relationship with a team member, and am unable to wait until the end of my contract period, I agree to counseling sessions with the coordinator. These sessions will be held in my free time, and I agree to adhere to the coordinators conditions in regard to conduct and propriety.

- I will exercise biblical moderation in my use of alcohol, publically or privately, and will hold others on the team accountable to this as well. Alcohol, while not absolutely prohibited, is not a part of the team culture.

I have read this contract in all its parts. I agree to its terms and will do my best to live in a manner that honors Christ.

Teacher

Date