

# We the People

## DECLARATION OF COVENANT

**WHEREAS** at the founding of America, colonists in covenant with God faced tremendous peril and death to reach these Virginia shores, landed at Cape Henry, erected a wooden cross on April 29, 1607, took communion, knelt and dedicated this land to God.

**WHEREAS** within two years, this land mass dedicated to Christ was extended from the Virginian shores of First Landing at the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean and from Florida to Canada as we know it today.

**WHEREAS** these founding colonists carried the seeds of the Christian common law, self-governance, and spiritual liberty cited in the Charter of 1606;

**WHEREAS** today, these God-given rights of self-government and religious liberty are under siege as forces of evil seek to destroy our U.S. Constitution and to plunge America into a one world government;

**WHEREAS** President Abraham Lincoln stated in 1863 when calling America to prayer and fasting for an end to civil war and abolition of slavery, "...it is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truths announced in the Holy Scriptures, and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord;"<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS** the 1607 First Landing Covenant of Land Dedication calls upon the God of heaven and beckons us as Americans to join the founding colonists in fulfilling this land dedication covenant. We repent of breaching this covenant, echoing the words of Abe Lincoln's prayer, "...we have forgotten God, we have vainly imagined, in deceitfulness of our hearts that [America's blessings] were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success...we have become too proud to pray to the God that made us."<sup>2</sup> Today, for example, we have allowed prayer to be taken out of schools, God to be removed from the history books, unborn children to be killed in the womb by the millions. We have failed at being evangelist to our own country. We repent and recognize God's sovereignty over mankind as the pilgrims did in the 1600's and as Abraham Lincoln did in the 1800's.

**WHEREAS** God further warns in Leviticus 26:39-42 that we will waste away in the lands of our enemies because of our sins and our ancestors' sins; but if we will confess our sins and the sins of our ancestors—their unfaithfulness and hostility towards God, which made God hostile towards them ...then God says, "I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land." Likewise, as we humbly repent today, God will remember our forefathers' 1607 Jamestown Covenant of Dedication, hear our prayers, forgive our sins and heal our land.<sup>3</sup>

**THEREFORE** [In UNISON] We recovenant with our founding colonists by agreeing with their words:

"We do hereby dedicate this Land, and ourselves, to reach the People within these shores with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to raise up Godly generations after us, and with these generations take the Kingdom of God to all the earth. May this Covenant of Dedication remain to all generations, as long as this earth remains, and may this Land... be Evangelist to the World. May all who see this Cross, remember what we have done here, and may those who come here to inhabit join us in this Covenant..."<sup>4</sup>

We honor the cross representing the blood covenant of Christ Jesus. Further, we remember the sacrifices the colonists made and we join the colonists in carrying out the Jamestown Covenant of Dedication which has become the cornerstone of America's foundation. We declare that America will continue to be ONE NATION UNDER GOD (Luke 13:34), a beacon of hope to the world, from generation to generation and from sea to shining sea, so help us God.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, *Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day*, Washington, DC, March 30, 1863, <http://thegoodnewstoday.org/proclamation-appointing-a-national-fast-day/>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> 2 Chronicles 7:14

<sup>4</sup> Jamestown Settlers, *National Covenant of Dedication*, April 26, 1607, <https://usa.church/usa-covenant-christian-nation-forever/>