Statement of Corporate Consecration

Called to be holy as He is holy

The Elk River House of Prayer, as a part of Christ's church, is called to love Jesus wholeheartedly and love one another as we love ourselves. (Matt 22:36-40) A significant part of this pursuit includes the call to be like Jesus in every area of our lives, both individually and as a community.

We confess together that by His blood, Jesus has made us holy and that we are to mature into holiness - this is called sanctification. (Heb 10:10, 14) The Father sent Holy Spirit to dwell within each of and one of His primary jobs is to give us the strength and grace to mature into this holiness - to become like Jesus. (I Cor 3:16-17; 6:19-20; Gal 5:16-25; I Pet 1:1-2) We are commanded and promised to be holy as the Father is holy; we are called to be holy as Jesus is holy; we are given the Spirit who is Holy so that we are empowered to be holy. We were created to enjoy communion with a Holy God. This communion demands that we be holy, for unholiness cannot dwell in His presence. So let us not take lightly the gift of grace by which He imparted to us His own holiness and let walk in it unto maturity.

The Marathon Race we run together

We are in a marathon race - this time we have until we see Him face to face. This race we run was made to be run together, encouraging one another onto the finish line and all the more as we see the day of His return approaching. Each one's reward will be individual, but together we run to win. (This is loving Him and loving one another.) It is together that we run this race.

The War within the Race

We are admonished in Heb 12:1 to lay aside everything that would trip us up and distract us from successfully running this race. Peter tells us that we battle against the lusts of this world which are at war against our souls. (1 Pet 2:11-12) John tells us that we are not to love this age, nor the things of this age: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life. (I Jn 2:15-17) We are repeatedly called to abstain, avoid, not partake in, not participate in, not to let our minds dwell on these things, but to set our minds, be transformed in our thinking, to fix our gaze on Jesus and to do so by living a life of communion with Holy Spirit.

All believers are called to a lifestyle that brings pleasure to God and as the community of ERHOP, we are committing to this holy pursuit as we walk out the mission that the Holy Spirit has set before us as a House of Prayer in this region. Therefore, because we are called to love Jesus wholeheartedly, we say yes to 100% obedience to Him by the power of Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

We will fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, seeking to be like Him in every way. He is our model; His holiness is our plumb line against which we measure; it is Jesus

alone that we compare ourselves to individually and corporately in our growth into a lifestyle of holiness.

We diligently seek to be transformed in our thoughts, our words and our actions as we desire to be conformed to the image of Jesus. (Rom 8:29, 12:1-2) We declare war on the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes and the pride of this life. We recognize that the spirit of this age is at war with our souls and that we are assaulted on every side in an effort to drag our hearts back into the temptations of this world that only bring death. Therefore, in our walk with the Holy Spirit, we will seek His perspective and opinion of the wide variety of life influences in our culture and world around us. In all areas of life, the things we look at, what we listen to, our speech, what we participate in, what we entertain ourselves with, what we spend our money on, we choose to submit all to His direction and will set our hearts to obey in 100% of what He reveals to us. Where the Bible is clear, we say 'yes' or 'no' accordingly. Where there is not a clear statement, we must individually seek clarity from the Holy Spirit and then walk according to the conviction He brings to our hearts.

In this race, we will stumble, get entangled by sin, we will fall; but in humility and repentance we will stand again and keep on running. As a community, we commit to encourage one another, strengthening one another, refusing to cast stones, but calling one another forward in gentleness and boldness; (Gal6:1-5) always seeking to remove the log in our own eye first as we seek only to build one another up in our most holy faith.

We choose to set our hearts to love one another fervently so that He may establish our hearts without blame in holiness before His coming. (IThess 3:12-13; I Pet 1:22) To this end, we refuse to participate in speech that tears down others within the ERHOP community, other churches, other ministries or other leaders. Gossip in all its forms must be avoided. We will not shy away from confronting sin while at the same time always seeking to encourage one another unto love and good works, serving one another in all of this.

Set apart to be like Him

We recognize that the mission of ERHOP demands the pursuit of becoming more like Jesus. This requires two key things that we give ourselves to: beholding Him and obeying Him in love. These are essential to becoming like Him. We must do this individually and we must do this as a community.

In the spirit of the Tabernacle of David, ERHOP exists to bring worship and intercession before His throne here on earth as it is in heaven. As David set the priests and Levites in their roles of ministering to Jesus in this tabernacle without a veil, so do we, in the same spirit, seek to minister before Him in this place and this time. We are not to envision ourselves or our roles as being superior or more holy than any other within His church, but we are simply to walk out this assignment with wholehearted love and obedience to Him.

Committed to Run Well

Today, as the Leadership of the Elk River House of Prayer and as those who are joining themselves to the mission of ERHOP, we set ourselves apart firstly unto Him and secondly to whatever the degree of involvement He calls us to this mission, we consecrate ourselves to walk out the assignments He gives us unto the fulfillment of the mission of the Elk River House of Prayer.