

¶ 217 When persons unite as professing members with a local United Methodist church.....They **covenant together with God and with the members of the local church** to keep the vows which are a part of the order of confirmation and reception into the Church:

1. To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, **reject the evil powers of the world**, and repent of their sin;
2. To accept the freedom and power God gives them to **resist evil, injustice, and oppression**;