

Church Membership Covenant

Membership within a local church carries both enormous privileges and significant responsibilities. The membership covenant is a way of outlining those privileges and responsibilities and encouraging us in them. As a congregation it is our desire to grow in love for one another and in maturity in Christ and to see that love and maturity manifest among us (Ephesians 4:1-16). The covenant is a way of saying 'we are in this together and for one another.' Therefore, these responsibilities include praying for and pursuing both corporate health and individual holiness.

In signing the Membership Covenant, Members agree and promise that they have completed the membership process as instructed, read the Membership Covenant, and are willingly covenanting (a binding commitment and promise):

- to agree with the Statement of Basic Belief and are prepared to testify to faith in Jesus.
- to submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final rule and authority on all issues ([Psalm 119](#); [2 Timothy 3:14-17](#); [2 Peter 1:19-21](#)).
- to pursue the Lord Jesus Christ and to see His Lordship expressed increasingly in our lives (in our thoughts, words and deeds) ([Luke 18:1](#); [Acts 17:11](#); [1 Corinthians 9:24-27](#); [Ephesians 5:1-21](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:12-22](#)).
- to follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His Church:
 - by being baptised.
 - by regularly remembering and celebrating the person and work of Christ through communion.
- to contribute to and serve the body of Christ with the character and gifts that God has bestowed upon them. This stewardship includes:
 - Regular financial giving (that is sacrificial, cheerful and voluntary)
 - Service (that is sacrificial, cheerful and voluntary)
 - Participation in community (that is sacrificial, cheerful and voluntary)([Matthew 25:14-30](#); [Romans 12:1-2](#); [2 Corinthians 8-9](#); [1 Peter 4:10-11](#)).
- by God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ ([1 Peter 1:13-16](#), [4:1-3](#)). Members should strive to put certain attitudes and actions to death while stirring and stimulating love and good deeds through the Spirit.
- to submit to the Elders and other appointed leaders of the Church and diligently strive for unity and peace within the Church ([Ephesians 4:1-3](#); [Hebrews 13:17](#); [1 Peter 5:5](#)).
- to meet with an elder if thinking of resigning membership.

Signed (Member).....Date.....

Signed (Elder).....Date.....