

Covenant with Members



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The Christian Church is unique in that it cannot be compared to any other kind of ordinary human society. The New Testament Church has been brought into existence by God himself and must be guided by his principles.

Belonging to Christ and his church therefore, involves a commitment to 'one another'. The following principles of membership provide us with some idea of what it really means to be a disciple and a Church member.

It must be emphasised that these principles are not to be viewed as a set of rules imposed upon us by someone else. Rather, these are guidelines which challenge us all to face up to the claims of Christ, to be obedient to him, and to be subject to one another. Please give these guidelines your prayerful consideration.

1. Realising my need for worship, fellowship and teaching, and with a desire to be obedient to Jesus' command to meet around his table: I will give priority to attendance at Sunday services.

The Church commits to give Biblical teaching, Spirit-led worship and opportunities to join around the Lord's Table as a Christian community.

2. Acknowledging that I need to deepen my own personal relationship with my heavenly Father and that others in the fellowship need my prayer support: I will endeavour to set aside some time each day to read the Bible and pray.

The Church commits to pray for and with, as well as giving support and pastoral oversight to its members.

3. Recognising that the church grows as each member employs his gifts for the benefit of others: I will seek to discover my gifts and use them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Church commits to help members to identify and develop their personal gifting and encourage their use within the body.

4. Realising that a small group will help me to grow in my faith and enable me to make more meaningful relationships with others: I will seek to make the group meetings a priority.

The Church will offer a variety of small groups that will meet at various times for different purposes, to which members can join.

5. *Knowing Christ has called me to share my faith with others: I will pray for those with whom I come into contact who do not know Christ, look for and take opportunities to share my faith.*

The Church commits to provide relevant training, support and programmes that can be utilised by members in their personal faith sharing.

6. *Acknowledging that Christ's desire and purpose is that I become more and more like him: I will seek to live in harmony with Scriptural principles so that my lifestyle reflects the person of Jesus Christ.*

The Church commits to give teaching and guidance so that its members will be encouraged to live a life of discipleship.

7. *The Church meeting is a time set aside for discovering God's will in all aspects of Church life: I will therefore make it a priority to attend regularly.*

The Church commits to provides opportunities for its members to share in its governance and direction.

8. *The giving of my money is a practical expression of my love for God and my desire to support his work: I will therefore set aside a realistic proportion of my income on a regular basis.*

The Church commits to be good stewards of monies offered to it and will use the resources to build God's Kingdom.

9. *Knowing that a home can provide a more conducive atmosphere for fellowship and outreach: I will, as far as circumstances allow, use my home to further God's work.*

The Church commits to offer its own building and premises for the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

As far as I am able I give myself to the above as an expression of my commitment to my Lord and his Church.

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