

# Sojourn Community Church

## **MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT**

***“A new commandment I give you . . . As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”***

### **Purpose**

As fellow sojourners who have experienced the grace of a life changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, we agree to live our lives both individually and corporately to reflect the character of Christ by the pursuit of Godly attitudes and actions (fruits of the Spirit). Furthermore, we agree to the Biblically based truths and principles outlined in this membership agreement.

### **Statement of Faith**

- I am a Christian saved from the eternal wrath of God by faith in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, through his death and resurrection, by which I am assured of eternal life ([John 3:16-18](#); [Rom. 3:23-26](#)).
- I believe Jesus Christ is exactly who he claimed to be ([Isa. 53:6](#); [Matt. 26:64](#); [Mark 14:62](#); [Luke 22:70](#); [John 4:25-26](#); [6:29](#); [8:58](#); [11:25-27](#); [14:6-7](#); [15:5](#)).
- I have repented of my sins and have been made a new creation in Christ ([1 John 1:9](#); [2 Cor. 5:17](#)).
- In obedience to Scripture, I have, or agree to be baptized, to personally identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and to publicly demonstrate my commitment as a disciple of Jesus ([Col. 2:12](#); [1 Peter 3:21](#)).

### ***The elders agree...***

to appoint elders (including staff members who serve in these offices) according to the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

to prayerfully seek God’s will for our church community and steward her resources to the best of our ability based on our study of the Scriptures and following of the Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

to care for the church and seek her growth in grace, truth and love (Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:15-16 Colossians 1:28; James 5:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

to provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture (Acts 20:27-28; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 2:1).

to equip the members of the church for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16).

to be on guard against false teachers and teachings (Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 1 John 4:1).  
to lovingly exercise discipline when necessary, for the glory of God, the good of the one disciplined and the health of the church as a whole (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20).

to set an example and join members in fulfilling the obligations of church membership stated below (Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Peter 5:3).

***Sojourn’s Mission is to BEFRIEND others,  
helping them to BEGIN their journey with God  
and BECOME fully devoted followers of Christ.***

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***I agree...***

to submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).

to pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship and practice of spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22).

to participate in the life of Sojourn Community Church by regularly attending gatherings, engaging in gospel-centered community and serving those within and outside of this church (Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 3:14).

to steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts and finances. This includes regular financial giving, service and 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). Believers should strive to put certain attitudes and actions to death while stirring and stimulating love and good deeds through the Spirit.

to take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to another (1 Corinthians 8:1-13).

to submit to the discipline of God through His Holy Spirit by: following the biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another – the hope of such discipline being repentance and restoration. receiving righteous and loving discipline when approached biblically by fellow believers (Psalm 141:5; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Hebrews 12:5-11).

to do the following when I sin : confess my sin to God and to fellow believers. repent and seek help to put my sin to death (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6-10).

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).

to notify the church should I leave for righteous reasons and to seek another church with which I can carry out my biblical responsibilities as a believer.

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