



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

As a member of Word Community Church, I understand that I **have the privilege to:**

1. Uphold the Gospel before a watching world as a representative of Word Community Church.
2. Serve in leadership, teach, and do the works of the ministry.
3. Partake of the ordinance of the Lord's supper.
4. Enjoy the benefits of Congregational care.

As a member of Word Community Church, I **covenant the following:**

- 1) I am a Christian, saved by grace through faith. I have repented of my sins, received God's forgiveness and trust Jesus with my whole life. (*Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:3-7*)
- 2) I have read, understood, and affirm the Word Community Church's Statement of Faith. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace. (*Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7,17*)
- 3) I will seek to grow in my relationship with Jesus Christ:

By regularly practicing spiritual disciplines (Bible reading, prayer, regular gathered worship attendance, community group participation and fellowship with other Christ-followers);

By serving the Word Community family; AND

By sharing the Gospel to others. (*Psalms 119:97; Mark 16:15; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25*)

- 4) I will steward the resources God has entrusted to me—time, treasure and talents—for the glory of God. I will regularly give my tithes and offerings sacrificially, generously and cheerfully. (*Proverbs 3:9-10; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8 & 9; Ephesians 4:1-16; 5:15-18*)
- 5) I will fulfill Word Community Church's missional purpose to both serve and share the Gospel and to help people find true life in Christ. (*Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15*)
- 6) I will serve the church using my spiritual gifts to edify the Body of Christ. (*Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-31; Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:12-16; 1 Peter 4:7-11*)
- 7) I will practice Christlike humility by considering the needs of others, and invest in authentic and vulnerable relationships in Word Community Church. (*Proverbs 16:28; 17:17; 27:17; Matthew 18:15-17; Philippians 2:1-11*)

8) I commit to be faithful in serving Word Community Church, and I will not function in leadership or be a member of another church. *(Hebrews 10:25; 1 Peter 4:10-11)*

9) I agree to submit to godly authority as represented in the recognized Body of Elders. I will submit myself to accountability at all times and to the Biblical process of Church discipline when necessary (Biblical Perspective on Christian Church Discipline Position Paper). *(Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1-5; Hebrews 13:17)*

10) I will submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final authority on all issues of faith and practice. *(Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12)*

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Confirmed by:

<p><i>Printed Name of Elder</i></p>	<p><i>Signature</i></p>	<p><i>Date</i></p>
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<p><i>Printed Name of Lead Pastor</i></p>	<p><i>Signature</i></p>	<p><i>Date</i></p>
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