Membership at New City

What is at the heart of membership here at New City?

At the very heart of membership at New City are two core words: **Commitment** and **Partnership.**

It's an invitation to make an intentional commitment that New City is your church home. Membership signifies a relational partnership to the life and mission of New City, committing to help us live out and fulfill our mission to **help people find and follow Jesus here, near, and far.**

We would be the first to tell you that membership is not the ultimate destination for you as a believer and person at our church. Our ultimate goal is to know and become more like Jesus and live a life of worship to him—and we're here to help you live that out and do it together. That's primary.

In its proper place, membership is profoundly important for our church.

1. It's important for our church's health and shepherding.

Membership helps us know our people more deeply, and in turn, it helps you get to know the church staff. This relational knowledge allows the staff to care for you with greater precision, ensuring they can meet your needs and offer support effectively.

It also provides a vital context for accountability, equipping, and growth in your faith journey.

It's where you learn what we believe and understand our desired church culture and values.

2. It's important for our church's governance and framework.

Membership provides crucial protection, guardrails, and safekeeping of our mission, doctrine, integrity, and leadership. This ensures that New City remains true to its calling and beliefs.

It's from our membership that we select elders for our church. Furthermore, it allows us to send delegates to vote on issues in our denomination (the Evangelical Free Church of America). This connection highlights our commitment to multiplying transformational churches among all people, united around core theological convictions.

3. It's important for relationship and partnership in the mission.

Membership will help us grow in relationship and allow us to know the people partnering with us on our mission. So, not only does it ensure we all know where we are going, but it also helps us identify passions, gifting, and connections of those partnering on the mission together.

Join us in Membership

We invite you to take this step and join us in this vital partnership. <u>A scheduled</u> <u>membership course will be up on our website</u>. If we do not yet have a course scheduled, please fill out the <u>Connect Form</u> and let us know that you're interested in membership in the comments section.