

## **OneChurch HB Member Covenant**

Being a member of OneChurch HB, I confess the following:

### Christian Living

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and having given ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we now, relying on His gracious aid, do willingly and joyfully recognize our covenant relationship with the body of believers (Matt 28:19; Mark 1:14-15; Acts 2:38, 16:30-31; Gal 2:20; Eph 2:8-10).

I will work and pray to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace in submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to one another (Matt 5:9; Rom 2:16-21; 14:7-12, 19; 15:5-7; 1Cor 12:12-13; Gal 5:13).

I will walk together in brotherly love, as is appropriate for members of the Christian Church, exercising an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonishing, entreating and restoring one another as may be required (Matt 18:15-20; 1Cor 5:1-6:8; 2Cor 2:2-11; Gal 6:1-5; John 13:34-35; 15:12, 17; Rom 12:10; 13:8-10; 1Cor 13:4-8; Gal 6:1; Eph 4:29-32; Col 3:16-17, 23-24).

I will seek, by divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, always remembering that we have been redeemed and now have a special obligation to lead a new and holy life (Rom 6:1-14; 12:1-2; 1Cor 6:17-20; 2Cor 5:17; 7:1; Eph 4:17-24; Phil 2:12-16; Col 3:1-11; 1 Thes 4:1-8).

### Participation

I will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others (Acts 2:42; 2 Cor 13:9; Eph 1:15-20; 3:14-21). I recognize that I am called to participate in the proceedings of my church, whether they be ordinary or spectacular.

Participation includes attending member meetings, wherein church business will be handled, attending regular church service, and actively caring for our community as much as is reasonably possible.

### Generosity

I will give generously of my finances to support my church, and my church community, with a cheerful heart (2 Cor. 9:7-8; 1 Tim. 5:17-22). I recognize that generosity pleases God, and is beneficial for my own soul's sanctification.

### Accountability

I submit to the Elders of OneChurch as shepherds of the flock (Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 5:1-12). As such, I entrust my heart to the church community and acknowledge that their involvement in my life serves to sanctify me in the will of God.

### Church Discipline

According to Scripture, there are certain specific contexts where the authority structure of the Church must lovingly, and gently, discipline its members. Scripture outlines three general reasons for the exercise of church discipline: unrepentant immorality (1 Cor. 5); spreading heretical doctrine or teachings (Titus 3:10); and a divisive spirit that causes people to turn away from God, or the loving authority of the Church (1 Cor. 1:10, Rom 16:17).

The goal of church discipline is threefold: to preserve the holiness of God's Church (1 Cor. 5:6); to deter believers from wandering off into error (1 Tim. 5:20); and to hopefully see the repentance and restoration of the disciplined individual (Gal. 6:1). The purpose is never to shame, condemn, or punish someone for their wrongdoing.

The process of church discipline is to be determined by the elder board, and should follow the biblical pattern of discipline, including one-on-one petition, followed by group petition, followed by public discipline if the member is unrepentant (Mt. 18:15-20, 1 Cor. 5, Gal. 6:1-5).

As a member of OneChurch HB, I submit to this discipline and pledge to carefully seek the restoration of others in the Lord.

### Membership Removal

I recognize that official membership may be withdrawn for the following reasons: my request; upon the joining of another church; as the last step in church discipline; physical death; after an absence of six months from the church and inquiry from the elders.