

Membership Covenant

Grace Community Church of Garden Grove

Becoming a member of any organization, as well as this church, is a commitment that implies accepting responsibility for the necessary tasks that contribute to its effectiveness. Following is a standard of membership commitments that are necessary for the most effective operation of Grace Community Church.

As a Member of Grace Community Church...

1. I accept responsibility for the *Integrity* of my Church

- **By publicly confessing Jesus Christ through believers baptism**
Acts 2:38 "Repent and be baptized, every one of you..."
- **By personally growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ**
2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- **By consistently pursuing a lifestyle of God's grace and truth**
Philippians 1:27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.
- **By biblically addressing sin issues (1 John 1:9; Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1)**

2. I accept responsibility for the *Unity* of my Church

- **By speaking only that which builds others up**
Ephesians 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
- **By submitting to one another out of reverence for Jesus Christ**
Ephesians 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
- **By supporting the leadership, constitution, and by-laws of my church**
Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.
- **By worshipping and fellowshiping with my church family**
Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

3. I accept responsibility for the *Stability* of my Church

- **By regularly participating in its services and events**
Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing,
- **By faithfully contributing to its financial needs**
Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty,
- **By praying for its effectiveness in the world for the Kingdom of God**
Ephesians 6:18, 19 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests... that so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,
- **By blessing and mentoring others**
2 Timothy 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

4. I accept responsibility for the *Productivity* of my Church

- **By actively supporting its vision and mission**
Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained
- **By developing and using my abilities to serve**
1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.
- **By cultivating "redemptive friendships" with unchurched people**
Luke 15:1, 2 Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

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