



# MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

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## **PREAMBLE**

The New Testament expects that Christians are committed members of a local church where they covenant together in shared bonds of mutual accountability (Jhn 17:22-23; 1 Cor 12:12-27; Eph 2:19-22; Php 2:1-11). Becoming a member is a living commitment that expresses a love for the Lord Jesus, as well as a desire to seek the good of the church family over self-interest.

Every person who becomes a member of Eastside Community Church makes a commitment to watch over and care for other members, and it is a commitment to be watched over and cared for by other members. This membership covenant outlines our expectations of one another and how we live together as a church.

## **COVENANT**

Having been brought by God's grace to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we joyfully make this covenant together.

We will help one another to increasingly and passionately follow Jesus in every area of life so that together we might grow into his likeness. We will gather together regularly and pray for ourselves and others.

We reject a spirit of individualism and will actively pursue a unity of the Spirit. We will live together in love, putting the interests of one another first. With love, humility and gentleness, we will bear with each other, forgive, encourage and build one another up. We will also love what is good and hate what is evil by rebuking and correcting one another.

We willingly submit to one another and to godly authority, recognising that this is for our blessing. We recognise that Jesus, through His word, divinely gifts the church with leaders for the good of the church.

We commit to supporting parents and working with them in raising children in the training and instruction of the Lord. We do this out of a sincere desire that their children will increasingly and passionately follow Jesus in every area of their lives.

We will seek to live carefully in this world, denying ungodliness and worldly passions. We will strive to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives before our watching world, as we wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will make the name of the Lord Jesus known in our community, embracing the joyful responsibility to be faithful ambassadors for the kingdom of God. We will do this by gently yet faithfully proclaiming the gospel. We will also do this through loving example and by welcoming people into our lives as we practise hospitality.

We will work together for biblically faithful ministry in this church by supporting the preaching and teaching of the word of God, the administration of baptism and the Lord's Supper and the exercise of biblical church discipline.

We will serve one another according to the church's needs and our abilities. We will contribute cheerfully, generously and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

We will, when we move from this church, honour the Lord Jesus in the way we do so and as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.