



## **Trinity Community Church**

### **Membership Covenant**

All who desire to be members in good standing of Trinity Community Church must satisfy the membership requirements as defined in our Standing Rules and Bylaws Membership Article. Membership requirements include affirming the Trinity Community Church Statement of Faith and signing this Trinity Community Church Membership Covenant.

#### *Membership Responsibilities and Privileges*

Membership within a local church carries both privileges and responsibilities. Members of the church are held accountable to the responsibilities of biblical Christian obligations outlined within the Trinity Community Church Membership Covenant. In signing the Membership Covenant, members attest that they have completed the membership process and are, by God's grace, willingly covenanting to:

- submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all matters of doctrine and practice (Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21);
- pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship and practice of spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22);
- be faithful and consistent in Sunday morning worship attendance at this church (Hebrews 10:25)
- remember Christ's finished work on the cross through regular celebration of The Lord's Table with other believers (Luke 22:14-23; 1 Corinthians 11:27-28);
- faithfully steward the resources God has given each member, including time, talents, spiritual gifts and finances. This stewardship includes service and regular financial giving to this church in a way that is voluntary, cheerful and sacrificial, as the Lord directs (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Peter 4:10-11);
- live and walk in Spirit-empowered holiness, honesty and integrity in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13-16; 4:1-3);
- take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially in actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to others (1 Corinthians 8:1-13);

- receive righteous and loving church discipline, when approached biblically by fellow believers (Psalm 141:5; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Galatians 6:1-3; Hebrews 12:5-11);
- submit to the Elders and Elder-appointed leaders of the church, and diligently strive for unity and peace within the church (Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5)
- endeavor by example, service and prayer to encourage others to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8);
- walk together in Christian love, exercising Christian care and concern through praying with and for one another, sharing burdens, sorrows and joys with one another, and being slow to take offense and quick to forgive and seek forgiveness from one another (Colossians 3:12-17; James 1:19).

In keeping with the responsibilities and privileges set forth in the Church Membership Covenant, those who are members of this congregation are eligible to serve in the ministries of this church. Non-members may serve on an ad-hoc basis with the approval of the Council of Elders. Non-members may also serve this church for purposes of administration and professional consultation. It is the privilege and responsibility of members to attend all congregational meetings and to vote on such matters as may be submitted by the Council of Elders for congregational vote.

As evidence of my affirmation of Trinity Community Church's Statement of Faith and my acceptance of the above listed responsibilities and privileges of membership in Trinity Community Church, I sign this covenant below:

*Name (print)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_

*Witness by Elder* \_\_\_\_\_