



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Being a member of Uptown Church is really about being part of a family. All members are disciples of Jesus, unified by their identity in Christ. This unity is expressed in the way they come together in loving God, loving fellow Christians, and loving non-Christians. Members who enter into a covenant with their local church are called to a higher degree of responsibility and service. At the same time, the elders are covenanted to assist members first and foremost, to love and lead, provide counsel and aid, and pray for, teach, and guide them.

Profession of Faith

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1. I am a Christian saved from the eternal wrath of God by faith in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, through his death and resurrection, by which I am assured of eternal life.
2. In obedience to Scripture, I have been baptized to personally identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and to publicly demonstrate my commitment as a disciple of Jesus.
3. I agree with the core beliefs of Uptown Church, which are founded upon the Baptist Faith & Message, 2000.

Commitments of a Member to Uptown Church

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1. I have read and understood the Uptown doctrinal statement and will not be divisive to its teaching. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace.
2. I covenant to submit to the authority of Scripture as the final arbiter on all issues.
3. I will maintain a close relationship with the Lord Jesus through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines. My relationship will be evident through my participation in weekly worship services, Uptown community, service, and a life that glorifies Jesus.
4. I will steward the resources God has given me, including my time, talents, and treasure. This includes regular financial giving, service, and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary.
5. I will not function in leadership or as a member in another church family, unless commissioned by the elders as a servant to partnering churches.
6. I covenant to submit to discipline by God through his Holy Spirit, to follow biblical procedures for church discipline in my relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ, to submit to righteous discipline when approached biblically by brothers and sisters in Christ, and to submit to discipline by church leadership if the need should ever arise.
7. I agree, by God's grace, to walk in holiness as an act of worship to Jesus Christ, who has saved me from my sin that I could live a new life. I will refrain from sinful behavior as the Bible, my pastors, and my conscience dictate. Should I sin in such a manner, I agree to confess my sins to Christian brothers or sisters and seek help to put my sin to death.

Commitments of Uptown Church to a Member

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1. We covenant that your elders will meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures.
2. We covenant to seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures and follow the Spirit.
3. We covenant to care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Christ, in part by equipping you for service and praying for you regularly, particularly when you are sick.
4. We covenant to provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture.
5. We covenant to be on guard against false teachers.
6. We covenant to exercise church discipline when necessary.
7. We covenant to set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members.

Personal Commitment

I understand that this covenant obligates me to the members of Uptown and is an acknowledgment of my submission to the elders of the church. I accept the responsibility to notify Uptown leadership if at any time I can no longer commit to this covenant, or if I have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding Uptown Church.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____