



What is expected of me as a member at the Shoreline Church? We never ask our members to do more than what the Bible teaches every Christian should do. These responsibilities are spelled out in our "Membership Covenant."

Membership Covenant

I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died for my sins on the cross. In faith I have been baptized as Jesus said and am a Christian. I feel that it is God's will for me to unite with the Shoreline Church of Christ. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH.

- ...By acting in love toward other members
- ...By refusing to gossip
- ...By following the leaders

"Live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ toward each other." (ROMANS 15:5)

"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts." (1 PETER 1:22, GN)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." (EPHESIANS 4:29)

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage for you." (HEBREWS 13:17)

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." (ROMANS 14: 19, PH)

"If anyone...does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless." (JAS 1:26)

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH.

- ...By praying for its growth
- ...By inviting friends, relatives to attend
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit

"But in your hearts acknowledge Christ as the Holy Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have." (1 PETER 3: 15)

"My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. Suppose a man come into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand here' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?" (JAMES 2:1-4)

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth...I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. (EPHESIANS 6:18-19)

"Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men... For Christ's love compels us... We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.. (2 CORINTHIANS 5:11, 14, 20)

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." (ROMANS 15:7)

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH.

- ...By discovering my gifts and talents
- ...By being equipped to serve by my leaders
- ...By developing a servant's heart

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you." (1 PETER 4:10, PH)

"God gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service..." (EPHESIANS 4:11-12)

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus... made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant..." (PHIL. 2:4-7)

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

- ...By attending faithfully
- ...By living a godly life
- ...By giving regularly

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." (HEBREWS 10:25)

"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." (PHILIPPIANS 1:27, PH)

"On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn." (1 CORINTHIANS 16:2)