

True North Church Membership Covenant

Below is the True North Church Membership Covenant. The statements in this covenant are aspirational and make up the vision of the elders of True North for its membership. In addition to filling out and submitting this form annually, the prerequisites for membership at True North Church are: 1) Believer's baptism 2) Completion of a Membership course 3) Giving to True North Church, whether financial or otherwise. In order for a covenant member to be qualified to vote in a business meeting, this form must be complete and submitted (in addition to the three prerequisites above) by the end of the business day prior to the business meeting. Completed forms may be submitted to the church Administrator.

Jesus Christ is my Savior and King. His death was my death, His life is now my life, and I will be resurrected with Him in eternity. He is my everything and I am nothing apart from Him.

For this reason, I have communicated to the world and the Church my new life in Jesus by submitting to baptism. I willingly participate in the life of True North Church.

I BELONG first to Jesus, and then to His church. I belong to the global Church and body of Christ as a born again disciple of Jesus. I belong to True North Church as a local member by joining with the members and elders of True North. To that end, I consider unity in the Church an attainable goal I am contributing to by:

- Acting in love toward the other members of True North
- Choosing not to gossip, slander, bear false witness against, or otherwise create personal division between myself and another member
- Willingly working with believers and churches of denominations and backgrounds that are different from my own

I BECOME like Jesus by building my life on His word and example. Submitted to the Holy Spirit and eager to receive His guidance, I am pursuing a renewed mind, gracious language, and a right understanding of the Scriptures. I become more Christ-like by:

- Practicing service and self-sacrifice on behalf of the saved and the lost
- Engaging with the preaching and teaching of True North Church
- Participating in mutually beneficial discipleship processes

I BEHOLD Jesus, exalted above everything else in my life. I understand beholding Jesus to be necessary for me to keep Jesus at the center of my life. I behold Jesus by meditating on His teaching, adoring Him personally, and acting in faith on His commands. I work to keep my eyes on Jesus by:

- Participating in corporate worship and prayer
- Worshipping God individually and regularly
- Expecting to encounter Him in every part of Scripture

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I SHARE what I have seen and experienced: Jesus' love and death in the place of sinners. I communicate my own encounter with grace explicitly, with my own words, inviting my neighbors to meet Jesus. I understand my own voice to be a part of God's ordained means of grace to those around me. I am preparing to speak about Jesus by:

- Praying for those I know who have not met Jesus
- Extending friendship to the unchurched and dechurched
- Asking God to calm my fear of sharing and teach me to trust Him

I SHOW mercy to my neighbors in Jesus' name and for Jesus' sake. I approach those in need and I welcome those who approach me in need. Jesus is the ultimate object of my love, but I love Him by loving others. I show mercy to my neighbors by:

- Defending the weak and disadvantaged
- Providing for the basic needs of the hungry, thirsty, and sick
- Caring for those who have nothing to offer me in return

I SHAPE my community with hope. At True North Church, our hope is in Jesus alone, so His words and His works direct our ministry to the community. I believe that God's redemptive motion in my life is evidence of a hope that is bigger than individual success, personal happiness, or physical comfort. I intend to shape my community by:

- Regarding my neighbors as wholly human and valuable to God
- Participating in the life of my city in order to know and be known by the lost
- Following God's lead, even as He may call me away from the fellowship of this body for the sake of His Gospel

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____