



# ECCLESIA Membership Covenant

**New Member:** Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and having received believer's baptism (or will at the next opportunity) and being in agreement with Ecclesia's vision, mission and essential beliefs, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with this family of faith. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to fellow members to "seek the FACE of God" (Psalm 27:8) in the ways described below.

**Church:** As a body of baptized believers, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and united by the Holy Spirit, we welcome you into this family of Christ-followers known as Ecclesia. We welcome the unique gifts and abilities that you bring with you. As you join this community, we commit to love you, support you, nurture you in your faith, pray for you, and equip you to "seek the FACE of God" in the ways described below.

## **FORMATION - Christ is present when we are making disciples.**

*As an Ecclesia member, I promise to do my best to grow closer to Jesus and to reach others for Christ . . .*

- by consistently growing in my faith through prayer, Bible study, and my devotional life (II Timothy 2:15),
- by investing my time, talents, and resources in this community of faith (Matthew 6:19-21), and
- by actively living out my faith (*being* the church) and reaching others with the message of Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20).

*As your church family, we promise to do our best to support your discipleship and outreach to others . . .*

- by keeping Jesus (John 14:6) and the Bible (II Timothy 3:16-17) at the center of our community's life,
- by striving together to mature in our faith (Ephesians 4:15-16) as we share Jesus' love in word *and* action (I John 3:18), and
- by equipping and encouraging you to follow the Great Commission to "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:18-20).

## **ASSEMBLY - Christ is present when we are building community.**

*As an Ecclesia member, I promise to do my best to join the work of building a unified faith community . . .*

- by acting in Love towards other members (Romans 15:5, 16),
- by refusing to gossip (I Peter 1:22), and
- by supporting the church leadership (Hebrews 13:17).

*As your church family, we promise to do our best to involve you in the work of building a unified faith community . . .*

- by cultivating harmony and unity in the community (Romans 15:5-7),
- by practicing forgiveness and seeking reconciliation (Colossians 3:12-13), and
- by fostering a culture of hospitality in our community (I Peter 4:9).

## **COMPASSION - Christ is present when we are serving others.**

*As an Ecclesia member, I promise to do my best to serve the ministry of my Church . . .*

- by discovering my own gifts (I Peter 4:10),
- by being equipped and serving "the least of these" (Ephesians 4:11-12), and
- by cultivating a servant's heart in all things (Philippians 2:3-7).

*As your church family, we promise to do our best to nurture your service in Ecclesia's ongoing ministries . . .*

- by assisting members in identifying and using their unique spiritual gifts (II Corinthians 12:4-11),
- by equipping members for ministry (Ephesians 4:12), and
- by calling attention to "the least of these" - places where ministry is needed (Matthew 25:35-40).

## **EXALTATION - Christ is present when we are worshipping God.**

*As an Ecclesia member, I promise to do my best to participate in the praise and worship life of my Church . . .*

- by attending and engaging faithfully (Hebrews 10:25),
- by preparing my heart for worship (Psalm 24:3-4), and
- by maintaining a spirit of praise and adoration during worship gatherings (John 4:24).

*As your church family, we promise to do our best to provide meaningful worship opportunities . . .*

- by gathering together regularly and faithfully (Hebrews 10:25),
- by encouraging worship that engages heart, soul, mind, and body (Mark 12:30), and
- by remembering Jesus' sacrifice through the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:23-26).

We hereby agree to abide by this membership covenant.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Representative of Church: \_\_\_\_\_