

Membership Covenant

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Being a member of Fellowship of Faith is not about belonging. Joining isn't about being accepted or having access to special rights and privileges. Anyone can belong at FOF the moment they walk in the door. To join a church is to unite with a movement of God among a particular group of people.

Becoming a member at Fellowship of Faith is about taking on a very specific role in the congregation. Jesus said, "I have come to serve, not be served." Membership at Fellowship of Faith means doing the same. To become a member is to shift from guest to host. A member is one who strives to give more than receive, feed before being fed, and serve rather than be served. Membership means living for something more than ourselves and pouring our lives into the vision and mission God has for Fellowship of Faith.

re:Connect

At Fellowship of Faith we never want to be a sea of nameless faces. We believe the way of Jesus does not go alone and that we are called to be in fellowship with each other. Membership means doing life together. We want to be an Acts 2 church, where—

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

I covenant to: Worship regularly. Connect with others frequently in smaller settings. Partner with others to further God's work in this church and our world.

re:Affirm

We desire to conform our lives to the teachings of Jesus, clinging to the orthodox, historic Christian faith. We hold the Bible to be inspired by God, governing what we do and believe. We see the writings of the early Lutheran reformers as a guide for better understanding these truths.

I covenant to: Deepen my understanding of these teachings and reaffirm them as the governing source of my life and worldview.

re:Start

Membership means radically turning our lives over to God. We believe we are loved by God. And though we are broken, God yearns to redeem and restore every aspect of who we are. We believe the only way to truly discover the depths of what God is calling us to is by stepping out of our comfort zones and taking leaps of faith. Following him is extreme and the life of faith is an adventure. It is a journey of discovering and re-discovering a deeper life with him every single day.

I covenant to: Restart my life every day—repenting of my sins and recommitting to live as God wants, and make myself accountable to the leaders and members of FOF in my faith journey while I am a member here.

re:Give

We believe all that we are and all that we own ultimately comes from God. A life of faith means giving back to him. Membership means giving the first of what we receive in proportion to what God has given us. It is about embarking on a way of life where we continually become more generous and more sacrificial with our time and money—towards our church, our families, and the needs of others in this world. We find this a challenge. We find this a joy!

I covenant to: Give generously. Give sacrificially. Give the first of what I receive in proportion to what God has given me.

re:Ignite

We don't see outreach as one component of the church. We see it as every component. We believe the Church is God's agent for bringing his restoration to a broken world. His call is not for us alone and Fellowship of Faith exists for something bigger than itself. As each of us are called to be disciples, so each of us are called to make disciples. Membership means pouring ourselves into this call.

I covenant to: Be a witness. Disciple others. Ignite the mission of FOF.

I Commit to uphold this covenant of membership at Fellowship of Faith. Date _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____