

GrowPoint's Membership Commitment

Having confessed Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and having publicly declared this through water baptism, and being in full agreement with GrowPoint's (Amherst Foursquare Church) statements of faith, values, strategy, structure and leadership, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite in membership with this church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members of this church to do the following through the power and help of Holy Spirit.

1. I will protect the unity of my church.

- By acting in ever-increasing love, profound kindness, peace and unity towards the other members and attenders – *“So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.”* (Romans 14:19)
- By refusing to gossip – *“Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”* (Ephesians 4:29)
- By not being easily offended and following the Word of God to resolve all conflicts and disputes – *“Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the sons of God.”* (Matt. 5:9; Matt. 18:15-22; Psalm 141:5; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; Hebrews 12:5-11)
- By confessing to God and to trusted fellow-believers when I sin and cause hurt and seeking Jesus' victory in the areas of my life where I struggle. (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6-10)
- By following and submitting to the pastors and church leadership – *“Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.”* (Hebrews 13:17, Ephesians 4:1-3; 1 Peter 5)

2. I will share the responsibility of my church.

- By praying for its growth, impact and spiritual maturity – *“We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.”* (1 Thess. 1:2) *“Speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Jesus who is the head.”* (Ephesians 4:15)
- By inviting others to attend (the broken, the un-churched, those who don't know Jesus) – *“So his master said, ‘Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.’”* (Luke 14:23-24)
- By warmly welcoming all those who attend or visit and actively engaging them in conversation and activities – *“Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.”* (Romans 15:7)

3. I will serve the ministry of my church.

- By personally pursuing the Lord Jesus Christ through daily Bible reading, prayer, Christian fellowship and spiritual disciplines. (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thess. 5:12-22)
- By discovering my gifts and talents to actively serve in the church as well as in the community – *“God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”* (1 Peter 4:10)
- By being equipped through discipleship and training by my pastors, church teachers and leadership, etc. – *“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ.”* (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- By developing a loving servant's heart – *“Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.... Jesus gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being....”* (Philippians 2:3-4, 7)

4. I will support the testimony of my church.

- By submitting to the Bible as the final authority on all issues and daily living it out. (Ps. 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)
- By being present and faithfully attending in-person gatherings. I will attend way more than I am absent... missing no more than two Sundays each month, actively participating in a Group, and caring for those within and outside of this church – *“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of Jesus return is drawing near.”* (Heb. 10:23-25; Acts 2:42-47; Titus 3:14)
- By living a Godly life through the power of Holy Spirit and not abusing the freedom of God's grace – *“Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing side by side, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.”* (Philippians 1:27; 1Peter 1:13-16; 1 Peter 4:1-3; Romans 14:14-23; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13)
- By stewarding the resources God gives me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts and finances including regular financial tithing and additional offerings to this church that is sacrificial, cheerful and voluntary – *“On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned.”* (1 Corinthians 16:2) *“One tenth of the produce of the land whether grains or fruits belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to God as holy.”* *“The Lord says, “You have robbed me of the tithes and offerings due me.”* (Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8-9)

I agree wholeheartedly with the above statements, and I enter this membership commitment of my own freewill. Should I leave this church or no longer wish to be a member, I will immediately notify the pastors and church leadership. If I fail to regularly attend and engage with this church as I am voluntarily committing to or I am unwillingly to be accountable for any of the items listed in this commitment, GrowPoint (Amherst Foursquare Church) reserves the right to remove my membership with or without notification.

Print Name _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____