



Church of the Holy Apostles

Membership Covenant

"Having finished the New Member Orientation and agreeing with the mission, vision and values of COTHA, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the COTHA church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

I. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF COTHA

By acting in love toward other members

By refusing to gossip

By supporting the leadership

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and on the growth of our fellowship together."

Rom. 15:19

"Live in complete harmony with each other — each with the attitude of Christ toward each other."

Rom 15:5

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

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." Eph. 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 that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." Heb. 13:17

II I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

By praying for its growth

By inviting the unchurched to attend

By warmly welcoming those who visit

By incorporating the mission of COTHA into all aspects of my life by understanding that we are "Disciples Making Disciples".

"To the church...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." 1 Thess. 1:2

"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full." Luke 14:23

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

III. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

By discovering my gifts and talents

By being equipped to serve

By developing a servant's heart and being involved in a ministry of service and/or growth

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..." 1 Peter 4:10

"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph. 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 Jesus Christ....who took on the very nature of a servant..." Phil 2:3-4, 7

IV. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

By attending weekly unless ill or out of town

By living a life that reflects the core values of COTHA



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By giving regularly and working toward a tithe by giving in proportion to my total income

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another.” Heb. 10:25

“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ..” Phil. 1:27

“Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering.” 1 Cor. 16:2

“A tenth of all you produce is the Lord’s, and it is holy.” Lev. 27:30

V. I UNDERSTAND AND EMBRACE THE CORE VALUES OF COTHA

We know that Jesus really lived, really died, really rose again and is coming again.

Community – We love and care for others because Jesus loves and cares for us all.

Evangelism – We share our hope in Jesus with all who wonder whether there is more to life than the world offers, no matter who they are or what they have done, and to show them that Jesus wants to meet us all in the lives we lead today.

The Living Word – We believe the Bible speaks to us today, is the inspired Word of God, and is authoritative in all areas of our lives.

The Holy Spirit – We experience the Holy Spirit as God’s gift to us as believers, moving in us and through us.

Worship – We praise and glorify God in open, inviting, and refreshing worship.

Children and Youth – We believe our children and youth are gifts from God to us all and we take seriously our responsibility to plant the seeds of faith in them.

Transformation – We see God changing the lives of those who seek Him and loving the world through us.

I ask God to help me live into the promises I make as I become part of the body Christ at the Church of the Holy Apostles

Signature

Date

Print Name