



*Looking up, Looking in, Looking out!*

## **Vision International Church Membership Covenant**

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with Vision International Church's beliefs, mission and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the VIC church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

### **1. I will protect the unity of my church...**

- a. By acting in love towards other members and visitors
- b. By refusing to gossip
- c. By following the leadership
- d. By acknowledging that all ministries are subject to Godly Eldership

"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."  
(Romans 14:19 NIV) "Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart." (1Peter 1:22 NIV)  
"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Ephesians 4:29 NIV)  
"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 of no advantage to you." (Hebrews 13:17 NIV)

### **2. I will share the responsibility of my church...**

- a. By praying for its growth
- b. By inviting the ungodly, unchurched and unsaved family and friends to attend
- c. By warmly welcoming those who visit
- d. By growing closer to Christ through prayer, worship, quiet time with God, reading HIS word and sharing the gospel
- e. By attending the Sunday gathering faithfully and faithfully attending Vision Group to grow spiritually
- f. By sharing my faith with others and making disciple makers

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers." (1 Thess. 1:2 NIV) "Then the Master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.'" (Luke 14:23 NIV) "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." (Romans 15:7 NIV)

**3. I will serve the ministry of my church...**

- a. By discovering my gifts and talents
- b. By being equipped to serve by my pastor, leaders and members
- c. By developing a servant’s heart
- d. By serving in a ministry with excellence
- e. By submitting to the guidelines set forth in each ministry and keeping organization

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10 NIV) -2- “[God] gave...some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up” (Ephesians 4:11-12 NIV) “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 Christ Jesus: ...but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant...” (Philippians 2:4-5, 7 NIV)

**4. I will support the testimony of my church...**

- a. By attending faithfully church service and Vision Group consistently
- b. By living a Godly life in worship to God and acknowledging the three Core Values of VIC: Christocentrism, Missionality and Evangelism
- c. By giving and tithing regularly and giving my time and talents God has blessed me with

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...” (Hebrews 10:25 NIV) “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27 NIV) “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up so that when I come no collections will have to be made.” (1 Corinthians 16:2 NIV) “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.” (Leviticus 27:30 NIV)

**COVENANT:** I ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), having read the membership covenant and understanding the beliefs, mission and goals of Vision International Church, am in agreement and would like to become a member of this local assembly.

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