

The Northstar Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Northstar's values, strategy, and leadership structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Northstar Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I WILL CULTIVATE MY RELATIONSHIP TO JESUS CHRIST AND BE A LIFELONG LEARNER OF HIS TEACHINGS AND WAYS.

- ❖ By developing a vibrant personal prayer life
- ❖ By disciplining myself towards godliness
- ❖ By regular study of the Scriptures and application of them to my life
- ❖ By learning to practice love and mutual submission to the body of Christ

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37 (NIV)

"When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." Matthew 6:6 (NIV)

"...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:7-8 (NASB)

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow Your righteous laws." Psalm 119:105-106 (NIV)

"Iron sharpens iron; so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17 (NASB)

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works..." Hebrews 10:24 (NKJV)

2. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH AND CHRIST'S KINGDOM.

- ❖ By acting in love toward other believers
- ❖ By refusing to gossip
- ❖ By following the leaders of my church

"So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up." Rom. 14:19 (NLT)

"...love one another earnestly from a pure heart..." 1 Peter 1:22 (ESV)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your 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

3. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH AND CHRIST'S KINGDOM.

- ❖ By praying for its growth
- ❖ By inviting people to attend
- ❖ By warmly welcoming those who visit
- ❖ By giving sacrificially and regularly

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

"The Master said to the servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full.'" Luke 14:23 (NCV)

"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 your produce is the Lord's, and it is holy." Lev. 27:30

4. I WILL SERVE IN THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH AND CHRIST'S KINGDOM.

- ❖ By discovering my gifts and talents
- ❖ By being equipped to serve by my pastors
- ❖ By developing a servant's heart
- ❖ By serving in a ministry of the church and/or a service to community regularly

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

"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

5. I WILL PROCLAIM THE GLORY OF MY LORD TO OTHERS AND TELL OTHERS OF HIS MARVELOUS WORKS.

- ❖ By sharing the Gospel and my faith story regularly
- ❖ By attending and participating in church gatherings and small group faithfully
- ❖ By living a godly life

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

"Meanwhile, live in such a way that you are a credit to the Message of Christ." Phil. 1:27 (MSG)

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith so that you will understand every good thing you have in Christ Jesus." Philemon 6

If you are renewing your covenant from last year, please circle the points that were the greatest challenge to you last year. Then put a box around those that you hope to grow in this year. If you're contact info has changed, please write on back.