

# The Summitview Community Church Membership Commitment

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized as He commands, and having attended or listened to the Summitview membership class sessions and being in agreement with Summitview's Belief Statement, structure, strategy, affiliation and bylaws, **I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Summitview church family by applying for formal membership in Summitview Community Church.** As a member I will submit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

**1. I will be faithful to honor God as a member of my church.**

...By attending regularly with a heart to grow as a Christian.

...By living a godly life.

...By regular financial giving to God through my church.

*Let us not give up meeting together, ... but let us encourage one another. (Hebrews 10:25)*

*Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Philippians 1:27)*

*Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits... (Proverbs 3:9)*

**2. I will unite with the goals of my church.**

...By inviting others to attend and welcoming those who do.

...By supporting the changes that growth brings.

...By serving my church with the gifts and talents God has given me.

*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)*

*For I have come ...not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. (John 6:38)*

*Love must be sincere... Honour one another above yourselves... Practice hospitality. (Romans 12:9,13)*

**3. I will support the leaders of my church.**

...By praying for them.

...By following their leadership.

...By refusing to gossip.

*Brothers, pray for us. (1 Thessalonians 5:25)*

*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)*

*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)*

**4. I will love the fellow members of my church.**

...By pursuing the standard of relationship with them described by the "one another" verses in the Bible.

...By refraining from that which produces disunity or division between members.

...By being open and accountable to others for the sake of my Christian growth.

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34)*

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:3)*

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)*

**5. I understand my membership in Summitview will be held on the same conditions described in the Bible for fellowship with any local Christian church.**

I know that Summitview's understanding of Biblical procedures for church discipline or conflicts regarding the church are described in its bylaws which are available to me on request.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_