

Membership Covenant

With the help of the Holy Spirit, the leadership of Mars Hill Church covenants and commits the following:

- 1) To lovingly care for you and seek your growth in Christ (Heb 13:17; 1 Th 5:12).
- 2) To provide teaching, preaching, and counsel from the Scriptures (Gal 6:6; 1 Tim 5:17-18).
- 3) That this teaching will span the whole counsel of God's Word (Acts 20:27-28).
- 4) To helping you in times of need (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35; Jas 2:14-17).
- 5) That your elders and deacons (when they are recognized) will meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Tim 3:1-13; 5:17-22, Titus 1:5-9; 1 Pe 5:1-4).
- 6) To pray for you regularly, particularly when you are sick (Jas 5:14).
- 7) To be on guard against false teachers (Acts 20:28-31).
- 8) To exercise church discipline when necessary (Mt 18:15-20; 1 Co 5; Gal 6:1).
- 9) To help you become equipped to serve Christ (Ep 4:11-13).
- 10) To seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures and follow the Holy Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Pe 5:1-5).
- 11) To set an example to join you in fulfilling the duties of church membership (1 Co 11:1; Php 3:17; 1 Tim 4:12).
- 12) That your elders will humbly submit to the authority of the Scriptures and to the biblical mandates upon their calling when overseeing the church (1 Tim 5:17-20; 1 Tim. 3:2; Hebrews 13:17)

As a member of Mars Hill Church, I covenant and commit to the following:

- 1) That I am a Christian, saved from my sins by the grace of Jesus Christ, and that I have been baptized to give testimony to my identification with the body of Christ and obedience to the Scriptures.

- 2) That I have read and understand Mars Hill Church's Statement of Faith and Constitution and I agree to not be divisive to its teaching and content. I will be diligent to preserve unity and peace.
- 3) An intentional effort to see God's Image restored in me through the work of the Spirit of God. I understand that this takes an effort on my part to be diligent in studying God's Word and growing in my relationships with Christ and other Christ Followers.
- 4) An intentional effort to see the restoration of the Image of God in other church members. I understand that this requires a New Testament understanding and abiding of all the "one another" statements (the following is not a comprehensive list):

Unity:

1. Be at peace with one another (Mk 9:50)
2. Don't grumble among one another (Jn 6:43)
3. Be of the same mind with one another (Ro 12:16; 15:5)
4. Don't boastfully challenge or envy one another (Gal 5:26)
5. Gently, patiently tolerate one another (Eph 4:2)
6. Be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving to one another (Eph 4:32)
7. Bear with and forgive one another (Col 3:13)
8. Seek good for one another, and don't repay evil for evil (1 Th 5:15)
9. Confess sins to one another (Jas 5:16)

Love:

1. Love one another (Jn 13:34 and 15:12, 17; Ro 13:8; 1 Th 3:12, 4:9; 1 Pe 1:22; 1 Jn 3:11, 4:7, 11; 2 Jn 5)
2. Serving one another through love (Gal 5:13)
3. Tolerate one another in love (Eph 4:2)
4. Be devoted to one another in love (Ro 12:10)

Humility:

1. Give preference to one another in honor (Ro 12:10)
2. Regard one another as more important than yourselves (Php 2:3)
3. Serve one another (Gal 5:13)
4. Don't be haughty: be of the same mind (Ro 12:16)
5. Clothe yourselves in humility toward one another (1 Pe 5:5)

Miscellaneous:

1. Do not judge one another, and don't put a stumbling block in a brother's way (Ro 14:13)
2. Husbands and wives: don't deprive one another of physical intimacy (1 Co 7:5)
3. Bear one another's burdens (Gal 6:2)

4. Speak truth to one another (Ep 4:25)
 5. Don't lie to one another (Col 3:9)
 6. Encourage and build up one another (1 Th 5:11)
 7. Pray for one another (Jas 5:16)
 8. Be hospitable to one another (1 Pe 4:9)
- 5) An intentional effort to help those who do not yet have a personal relationship with Christ understand that they are made in the Image of God and created for greater things. I understand that this necessitates me being involved in the community through personal witness where God has placed me (whether in the community of believers or a ministry outlet of the church).
- 6) Submission to the authority of the Scriptures and to the authority of church leadership. I understand that this means following the biblical procedures of church discipline and submitting myself to informal discipline as I strive to live out the gospel in community and formal discipline if the need should ever arise (Mt 18:15-17; Gal 6:1-5).