



Irvine Presbyterian Church Membership Covenant

Having put my trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with Irvine Presbyterian Church's mission statement, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the IPC family.

In so doing, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of IPC by:

- acting in love towards other members
- refusing to gossip
- following and supporting our leaders

"So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding." – Romans 14:19 (ESV)

"Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart." – 1 Peter 1:22 (ESV)

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." – Ephesians 4:28-30 (ESV)

"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you." – Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)

2. I will share the responsibility of the IPC community by:

- praying for its growth
- being Christ's witnesses to those with whom we have contact
- warmly welcoming those who visit

"To the church ... We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers." – 1 Thessalonians 1:2 (ESV)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." – Acts 1:8 (ESV)

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3. I will serve the ministry of the IPC community by:

- discovering my gifts and talents
- being equipped by my pastors to serve
- developing a servant's heart

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"
– 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

"And (God) gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."
– Ephesians 4:11-12 (ESV)

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others, (as Christ) emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."
– Philippians 2:3-4, 7 (ESV)

4. I will support the testimony of IPC by:

- attending faithfully
- living a Godly life
- giving regularly

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."
– Hebrews 10:24-5 (ESV)

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel" – Philippians 1:27 (ESV)

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come." – 1 Corinthians 16:2 (ESV)

"Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord." – Leviticus 27:30 (ESV)

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