



NORTHMETROCHURCH

MEMBERSHIP REQUEST

Instructions

1. Each person applying for membership needs to complete all parts of the request (e.g., a family of 4 = 4 request forms).
2. Print clearly using ink.
3. List others living in your household (even if you are a child) so we can group your family together in our database.
4. Please answer all questions with as much detail as possible. **Attach another sheet if necessary.**
5. Return completed membership request form to the church office or mail to:
North Metro Church, 12505 Colorado Blvd, CO 80241 or via email/scan to office@northmetrochurch.org

Membership Requirements

- Membership within the church is first predicated on one having a personal, growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and making a public profession of Christian faith through baptism after conversion
- The North Metro Church Membership Request form (this form) must be signed and submitted
- A North Metro Church elder must approve the request

Affirmation

In submitting this application, I affirm that I have accepted Christ as my savior and have made a public profession of Christian faith through baptism after conversion.

Name _____
First, MI, Last

Address _____
Number and Street City, State, Zip

Email _____ Birthday ____/____/____ Sex M F

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Tell us about your family (i.e., marital status, household makeup, etc.) _____

Describe your salvation experience.

Describe your baptism experience (date, church, other details).



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Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Describe your previous church involvement.

Describe any ministry interest and/or experience you have (i.e., music, hospitality, teaching, community groups, local outreach, global missions, students or children's ministry, etc.)

If you know your spiritual gifts, describe them.

Membership Agreement

Please read the North Metro Church Statement of Faith and the Membership Covenant. If you have questions about any of the statements, please contact the NMC business office (303-457-8560) and the staff will refer you to an elder who will assist you. If you do not have any questions, return this Membership Request form to the office. An elder will assist in finalizing your request.

- I have read and agree with the North Metro Church Statement of Faith and the Membership Covenant, and will pursue being connected in a community group or ministry team, being equipped, and serving to make an impact.

Name (print)

Signature

Date

Elder Approval

I, _____, (elder) have personally interviewed _____ (applicant) regarding membership. He/She desires to become a member of NMC and meets the qualifications of membership. Therefore, I affirm him/her as a member.

Comments: _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Membership Covenant and Statement of Faith

North Metro Church Membership Covenant is birthed out of our love for the church body and its individual members whom we hope will experience the fullness of joy which is found in the presence of the Lord. The primary purpose of this covenant is to serve as a teaching document with three functions:

- To clarify the biblical obligations and expectations for both the elders of North Metro Church and the individual members of the North Metro Church body.
- To establish teaching and doctrinal parameters for the North Metro Church body.
- To serve as a tool for reflection and growth toward holiness.

Each of these functions is in accordance with the document's overall vision to provide an accessible explanation of the Scriptures in hopes that North Metro Church would grow in the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. The North Metro Church Membership Covenant is comprised of a section on the Church, the nature of covenants, the Statement of Faith, the obligations of the North Metro Church elders to church body and the obligations of members to the North Metro Church body.

What Is the Church?

The church exists for the display of the glory of God because all things exist for His glory. Those of us who trust in and follow Jesus are caught up in something much bigger than ourselves. We have graciously been invited into God's redemptive purposes in the world.

Since the beginning, God has been creating and calling forth His people for the display of His glory in a grand narrative of redemption and reconciliation. Though creation now suffers the curse of Genesis 3, the gospel is the means by which the world is being made right. The gospel also carries with it the promise of ultimate renewal, a restoration even more glorious than Eden, and thus believers eagerly anticipate the return of Christ. The Church universal (i.e., all believers, everywhere) is the means by which God is fulfilling His purposes in the world (2 Cor. 5:17–20). The Church universal is being used to write God's beautiful and dramatic story of redemption and reconciliation. In light of this reality, the opportunity to join a local church body (i.e., a particular group of believers in a particular locale) is much more than a commitment to consistent attendance or active involvement in community. It is also a sacred call to be involved in the redemptive work of our sovereign God to push back the darkness of a fallen world through the power of the Holy Spirit with the light of His Son, Jesus Christ.

The church is the gathering of the redeemed, the household of God (Eph. 2:19), the bride of Christ (Rev. 21:2, 9) and the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12–31). 1 Corinthians 12 speaks of many members within the same body. Just as a human body relies upon mutual dependence of individual members for proper functioning, so the body of Christ requires sacrificial and responsible service by its individual members. As the Scriptures say, "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you'" (1 Cor.

12:21). Likewise, a member of the church cannot say to another member that he or she is unnecessary. We all have gifts that differ according to the gracious provision of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:3–8). Contrary to the beliefs of our culture, we need each other.

Membership at North Metro Church is participation in a family, a microcosm of the universal household of God. All members are united to Christ and thus to each other. Unity within the church is expressed in love for God and a love for others, both those within the family and those who are not. Because of the identification of Christ with His church, Christians are expected to display His gospel in a manner which is worthy of Him (Eph. 4:1).

What Is a Covenant?

A covenant is generally defined as “a written agreement or promise usually under seal between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action.” Within the Scriptures, we find a number of examples of covenants, some between God and man (Gen. 6, 9, 15; Ezek. 20; Hos. 2; Jer. 31; Matt. 26), while others are solely between men (1 Sam. 18; 2 Sam. 5). In some covenants, one party binds his or herself to fulfill the obligations of both sides of the agreement. In others, the parties are reciprocally bound to adhere to the obligations. While God’s covenant with the Church universal is an example of the former, the local church covenant represents the latter. If at any time one of the parties of this church covenant continues in a state of unfaithfulness to its provisions, the other is released from certain obligations.

The covenant of North Metro Church contains many conditions that are merely general Christian obligations. For example, all Christians, whether members of North Metro Church or elsewhere, are required to submit to the Scriptures, pursue holiness, steward resources, etc. Such requirements are universal obligations for the Christ-follower regardless of any failure on the part of the local church to live up to her covenant obligations.

If at any time an individual member feels as though the corporate church body is not remaining faithful to the requirements of the covenant, it is the responsibility of the individual member to lovingly and humbly express concerns to the leadership of the church. If the church elders are unwilling to change and pursue covenant faithfulness, then the member is freed from his or her membership obligations and encouraged to seek membership elsewhere given the church’s disobedience. In addition, certain circumstances may provide sufficient and righteous grounds to transfer membership elsewhere.

While focusing primarily in language on the responsibilities between the individual parties, the corporate church body, her elders and her individual members, the covenant is first and foremost an acknowledgment of general Christian obligations and an agreement to enter into those duties for God’s glory and the good of the body and bride of His Son.

North Metro Church Basic Statement of Faith

1. Statement of Biblical Authority

At the center of Christian faith and practice stands the belief that God has spoken to the world in the person and work of Jesus Christ, which is accurately and authoritatively revealed in the Christian Bible (“the Bible,” “Scripture,” or “the Scriptures”). The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, and sufficient Word of God and is thus the ultimate authority for life, faith, and morals. Though the various theological statements of the Church reflect succinct summaries of biblical boundaries, it is the Bible itself to which we are in ultimate submission. Members have the responsibility and opportunity to engage Elders and Church staff on areas of theological disagreement. However, membership carries with it the implicit understanding that the Elders shall function as the interpretive authority on biblical meaning and application for the purpose of Church doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline.

2. Statement of Basic Belief

The following Statement of Basic Belief represents the core orthodox beliefs of the Church from a biblical and historical perspective. While Church Members are not required to fully understand or articulate all aspects of the Statement of Basic Belief, the explicit rejection of any part of it disqualifies one from membership in North Metro Church. The Elders may expand and further annotate the Church’s doctrines to include additional beliefs of the Church beyond this Statement of Basic Belief. Such expanded statements will be contained in the Foundations Manual. If there is an apparent contradiction, the statements in the Bylaws supersede any other published statements. Revisions to the Statement of Basic Belief to more clearly align to Scripture shall be at the sole discretion of the Elders, with the understanding that such changes will be communicated to the Members of the Church.

We believe...

- The Scriptures are true, authoritative, and sufficient (Psalm 19:7–11; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20–21).
- There is only one living and true God (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 46:9–10; John 17:3, 1 Corinthians 8:4–6; 1 Timothy 2:5).
- The Father is God. The Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God. The Father is neither the Son nor the Holy Spirit. The Son is neither the Father nor the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 45:6–7; Psalm 110:1; Matthew 3:13–17; Matthew 28:17–20; 1 Corinthians 12:4–6).
- Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, was born of a virgin and is both fully God and fully human (Matthew 1:20; Luke 2:52; John 1:1–4, 14; Colossians 1:15–20; Hebrews 1:1–3).
- Jesus Christ died as my substitute to pay the penalty for my sin (John 1:29; 10:1–18, Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15:1–4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:4; 1 Peter 3:18). Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1–20; Mark 16:1–8; Luke 24:1–53; John 1:20–21:25; 1 Corinthians 15:12–34).

- Jesus Christ physically ascended into heaven and will one day physically return (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Hebrews 9:28; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 1:7).
- All people (Christ excluded) are, by birth and action, sinners. The deserved penalty for sin is death, both physical and spiritual (Genesis 6:5; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23; 5:8, 12–21, 7:18; Ephesians 2:1–3; Genesis 2:15–17; Genesis 3:19, Romans 5:12; 6:23, James 1:14–15).
- There will be a future physical resurrection of the dead. Those who trust in Jesus Christ alone will be raised to eternal reward. Those who have not trusted in Jesus Christ will be raised to eternal punishment (Matthew 25:31–46; John 5:28–29; Acts 24–25).
- Only by trusting in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone can I be reconciled to God and experience true life and joy (John 3:18, 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:21–26; 1 Timothy 2: 5–6).

3. Statement on Marriage and Human Sexuality

- Marriage

Marriage is a Biblical institution established by God as clearly described in the Scriptures (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:1–9, Mark 10:1–12). The Church recognizes that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. Accordingly, this Church, its Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Members, and Staff will not participate in or perform same sex unions or same sex marriages, nor shall its property or resources be used for such purposes. The Church reserves the right to refuse to allow use of the Church property or facilities to perform any wedding ceremony or other event that, in its sole discretion, is inconsistent with the Church's statement of faith and contrary to Biblical standards for marriage and with this marriage policy.

- Human Sexuality

The Bible teaches that legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage between one man and one woman (Matthew 15:19, 1 Corinthians 6:9–11, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:4). Hence, the Church opposes all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography.

Moreover, the Church also regards as sinful the intent or desire to surgically alter one's biological sex to a different sex. Since the body is a creation of God, the Church holds sexual identity to be biologically determined, and associated gender norms are to be observed as appropriate to biblical standards (Genesis 1:27, Romans 1:26–32, 1 Corinthians 6:9–11).

Biblical Obligations of North Metro Church

Elders to the North Metro Church Body

As shepherds and overseers of a local church, elders are entrusted with leading, equipping, correcting and protecting for the corporate church body and her individual members. The following is an overview of what the elders are pursuing to uphold.

The elders covenant...

To lead:

- Model Christ-likeness as an example for the church (John 13:15; 1 Cor 4:16; 11:1; 1 Tim. 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9; 1 Pet 5:3)
- Lead in humility, eagerness, prayerfulness and dependence on God (Mark 10:45; Phil 2:5-8; 1 Pet 5:2).
- Monitor and review the church's mission, core values, vision, strategy, and ministries for effectiveness and consistency with NMC purposes (2 Cor 13:5).
- Lead the annual church vision and business meeting and budget voting process
- Oversee the finances of NMC, ensuring that all the resources necessary to achieve the mission, vision, and strategies of the church are effectively appropriated and managed (Acts 11:30).
- Call special meetings as needed to bring issues to the church concerning staff, finances, property, and associations.
- Lead the process of leadership discipleship and multiplication.

To feed(equip):

- Study the Word continually (Acts 6:2, 4; 2 Tim 3:16-17).
- Be prepared to teach the Word when called upon in any capacity (Acts 20:20; 21:35).
- Be involved in mentoring and discipleship and especially in the area of leadership development for potential lay leaders, deacons and elders (1 Tim 4:14; 2 Tim 2:2).
- Equip and encourage the church for ministry (Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Tim 4:14).
- To appoint elders and deacons (including staff members who serve in these offices) according to the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).

To correct:

- Correct false teaching, unhelpful behaviors, and agendas.
- Respond to sinful behavior in the church, including Elders, according to the principles in Matt 18:15-17. Speaking the truth in love for the purpose of maintaining purity in the

church, discipline errant individuals and work to reconcile them back to God and the church. If the issue persists after the initial confrontation, the Elders will bring the matter to the others involved, and if necessary to the whole church. (1Tim 5:20).

- For the purposes of NMC's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline NMC elders have interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

To protect:

- Shepherd or oversee ministry and guidance to the ill, hurting, spiritually desolate, and anyone struggling in their faith (Acts 20:28, 35; James 5:14-15, 20).
- Work to maintain doctrinal purity in all church teaching (Titus 1:9).
- Oversee spiritual and physical protection from external sources and influences.

Members to the North Metro Church Body

As those who have experienced the grace of a life changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, we have the opportunity to reflect the character of Christ through the pursuit of certain attitudes and actions and the rejection of others. The Scriptures refer to this reality as "living by the Spirit" (Rom. 8). The requirements of this membership covenant are in no way intended as an addition to the biblical obligations of a believer. Rather, this document functions primarily as an accessible yet non-exhaustive explanation of what the Scriptures teach about the obedience that faith produces.

I covenant...

- to submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14–17; 2 Peter 1:19–21);
- to pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24–27; Ephesians 5:1–21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12–22);
- to follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His Church by regularly remembering and celebrating the person and work of Christ through the Lord's supper;
- to steward the resources God has given each Member. This stewardship includes regular financial giving, service, and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary (Matthew 25:14–30; Romans 12:1–2; 2 Corinthians 8–9; 1 Peter 4:10–11);
- by God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13–16, 4:1–3). Each Member should strive toward holiness in attitudes and actions while stirring and stimulating love and good deeds through the Spirit. Below are a few examples of actions addressed in the Scriptures:

- Members will practice complete chastity unless married and if married, complete fidelity within heterosexual and monogamous marriage. Complete chastity and fidelity means, among other things, that regardless of a Member's marital status, such Member will pursue purity and abstain from sexually immoral practices such as adultery, homosexuality, premarital sex, and pornography (Romans 13:11–14; 1 Corinthians 6:15– 20, 10:8; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8; Hebrews 13:4);
- Each Member will seek to preserve the gift of marriage and agree to walk under the guidance of North Metro Church before pursuing divorce from his or her spouse (Matthew 19:1–12; Mark 10:1–12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10–11; for the role of the church in the process of divorce, see Paul's concern for the resolution of legal matters within the assembly of the church in 1 Corinthians 6);
- Members will refrain from sinful behavior as the Bible instructs, such as drunkenness, drug abuse, and gossip. (Romans 1:28– 32, 13:13; Galatians 5:19– 21; Ephesians 5:18; James 3:3–18);
- to take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to another (1 Corinthians 8:1– 13);
- to submit to the discipline of God through His Holy Spirit by:
 - following the biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another, the hope of such discipline being repentance and restoration;
 - receiving righteous and loving discipline as explained in Article XIII of the Bylaws when approached biblically by fellow believers (Psalm 141:5; Matthew 18:15–20; 1 Corinthians 5:9–13; Hebrews 12:5–11);
- to do the following when the Member sins:
 - confess the sin to God and to fellow believers; repent and seek help to put the sin to death (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6–10);
 - to submit to the Elders and other appointed leaders of the Church and diligently strive for unity and peace within the Church (Ephesians 4:1–3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5);
- to do the following should the Member leave the Church:
 - notify the church office or an appropriate staff member;
 - seek another church where the individual can continue living out their biblical responsibilities.