



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER

*The difference between “attenders” and “members”
can be summed up in one word... **Commitment***

At The City, we recognize the need for a formal membership and we ask you to commit to membership for four reasons, which can be seen below:

1. BIBLICAL REASON — *Christ is Committed to the Church*

- We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything...a job...a marriage...our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of church shoppers and hoppers. Membership swims against the current of America’s consumer religion. It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.
- Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration. Membership identifies our family.
- The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you’re not committed to any specific church family.

2. CULTURAL REASON — *It is an antidote to our society*

3. PRACTICAL REASON — *It defines who can be counted on*

4. PERSONAL REASON — *It produces spiritual growth*

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A MEMBER?

At The City, we never ask our members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches. We only expect our members to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in the Membership Covenant.

THE CITY OF REFUGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

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

- ...By acting in love toward other members**
- ...By refusing to gossip**
- ...By following the leaders**

So, let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together. Rom. 15:19 (Ph)

Live in complete harmony with each other, each with the attitude of Christ toward each other. Rom 15:5 (LB)

Have a sincere love for your fellow believers love one another earnestly with all your hearts. 1 Peter 1:22 (GN)

I. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of our 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

- ...By praying for its growth**
- ...By inviting the unsaved, unchurched, unlearned, and uncommitted to attend**
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit**

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

Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full. Luke 14:23 (LB)

So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified. Rom. 15:7 (LB)

II. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

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

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

- ...By attending faithfully
- ...By living a godly life
- ...By giving regularly

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

But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ. Phil. 1:27(Ph)

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

III. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

IV. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

To lead people to Christ and **membership** at The City of Refuge Christian Church

To grow people to spiritual **maturity**

To equip people with the skills they need for **ministry**

To enlist people to the worldwide **mission** of Sharing Christ

Member Signature

Date

Pastor Signature

Date