

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Christ as my Lord and Saviour and been baptized, and being in agreement with Willingdon's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Willingdon church family. I commit myself to increasingly "know Jesus Christ personally and carry on His ministry" through the following:

1. I Will Protect the Unity of My Church

...by acting in love toward other members.

...by refusing to gossip.

...by following the leadership and direction of the elders and others responsible for my spiritual care.

...by agreeing to live by the spirit and direction of the "Restoring One Another in Love" paper.

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus." (Rom. 15:5)

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." Rom. 14:19 (Ph)

"...That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one. I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (John 17:21-23)

"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart." (1 Pet. 1:22) (GN)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your 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 of no advantage to you." (Heb. 13:17)

2. I Will Support the Community Life of My Church

...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) (AT)

3. I Will Share the Responsibility of My Church

...by praying for its spiritual growth.

...by inviting the unchurched to attend.

...by warmly welcoming those who visit.

...by speaking to unbelievers about Jesus Christ.

...by participating in a small group.

"To the church ...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." (1 Thes. 1:2) (LB)

"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)

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." (Rom. 1:16)

"...You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house." (Acts 20:20)

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people." (Acts 2:46)

4. I Will Serve the Ministry of My Church

...by discovering and using my gifts and talents.

...by being equipped to serve.

...by developing a servant's lifestyle.

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..." (1 Pet. 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. 2:4-7)

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

