

CHINESE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

We understand that it is by divinely initiated grace that we have come to repent and profess our faith wholly in the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have been saved and have expressed our union with Him in baptism ([Eph 2:8](#); [Rom 10:9-10](#); [Col 2:9-12](#); [Matt 28:18-20](#)). We recognize our salvation to be not only a deliverance from the dominion and eternal consequence of sin, but a transference into the community of the saints whose supreme delight and pursuit is Jesus Christ ([Rom 6:6-7](#); [Col 1:13](#); [1 Peter 2:9](#); [Eph 2:19-22](#)). As adopted children in the family of God, we solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to live out the Scriptural expectations and commands regarding the proper functioning of the body of Christ ([Eph 1:5](#); [4:15-17](#); [1 Cor 12:12-27](#)).

Through the enablement of the Holy Spirit, we commit to the following:

- To yield ourselves to the Scriptures as God's authoritative Word ([1 Thess 2:13](#); [2 Tim 3:16-17](#))
- To faithfully pursue and grow in knowing Jesus Christ ([Phil 3:8-11](#); [1 Cor 2:2](#); [2 Peter 3:17-18](#))
- To regularly assemble with this local body of believers, as far as we are physically able, in order to build up the body of Christ ([Heb 10:23-25](#); [Eph 4:11-13](#))
- To maintain unity with fellow believers through humility and Christ-like love ([Eph 4:1-3](#); [Phil 2:1-4](#))
- To grow in knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures through regular Bible intake ([1 Peter 2:2](#); [Col 3:16](#); [2 Tim 2:15](#))
- To pursue personal holiness through obedience to God's Word ([Rom 12:1](#); [1 Tim 4:7](#); [Ps 119:9-11](#); [Gal 5:16](#))
- To flee wickedness and immoral conduct that would bring reproach upon the name of Christ ([2 Tim 2:19](#); [Rom 16:19](#); [Eph 5:3-5](#); [1 Thess 5:22](#); [1 Cor 6:18](#))
- To contribute faithfully to support this local congregation through service and finances ([1 Peter 4:10-11](#); [2 Cor 9:6-7](#); [Prov 3:9-10](#); [Rom 12:10-13](#); [1 Cor 9:7-11](#))
- To care for the members of this body through prayer and loving admonishment ([Eph 6:18](#); [Jam 5:16](#); [Col 3:16](#); [Gal 6:1](#); [Matt 18:15-17](#); [1 Thess 5:14](#))
- To submit to the shepherding care of the local church's leadership ([Heb 13:17](#); [1 Thess 5:12-13](#))
- To work and pray for the progress of the gospel in the lives of people in my sphere, near and far ([Phil 1:27](#); [Matt 28:19-20](#); [1 Cor 15:58](#); [Col 1:28-29](#))

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