

Eastside Church Membership Covenant

I have decided to follow Jesus. He has called me by name and I have heard and responded to His voice. I have been baptized in accordance with His command (Matt 28:18-20), and as His disciple, I am committed to the mission of making disciples in accordance with this same command. Additionally, I am convinced that Jesus is calling me to unite with His community right here in Williamsburg at Eastside Church, and therefore consent to the Eastside Church Constitution.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, whom God has poured into my heart, I will:

1. Follow Jesus as He leads in every area of my life. To follow Jesus includes allowing him to lead in the words that I speak, and in the actions that I take. I believe that Jesus, my Good Shepherd, speaks in a way that His sheep can hear (John 10:1-5). I have decided to obey His voice, and not the old voices of my past life without Jesus.
2. Listen for His voice through daily prayer, and through daily reading of Scripture (which I hold to be authoritative in my life). This listening includes praying and reading Scripture in my private life, as well as praying and reading regularly in community with His people. I believe that God has called me out of a life of isolation from Him, and into a life of constant communion with Him and with His people.
3. Love God and my neighbors by laying down my life as Jesus Christ has laid down his life for me (1 John 3:16). This includes, but is not limited to, forgiving all who have wronged me, and prayerfully supporting the pastors, church leaders, and the body. (1 Cor 12:12-31)
4. Support the ministries at Eastside Church as we look to love our neighbors as the Holy Spirit leads. I commit to completing new member training. As a follower of Jesus, I will seek to equip and encourage others to follow Him and teach them to teach others of the good news of Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 2:2)

I have read the Articles, Constitution and Bylaws, including but not limited to those policies dealing with church discipline, conflict resolution, and members' responsibilities and privileges and agree to the policies stated in the Articles, Constitution and Bylaws, and accompanying policies and procedures.

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Lead Pastor/Chairman's Signature: _____ Date: _____