



General Conference  
Church of God (Seventh Day)

# Membership Covenant

## Affirmation of Membership

in

New Hope United,

a local congregation affiliated with the

**General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day)**

**Denver, Colorado**



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### Preamble

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having repented of my sins and accepted Jesus as my Savior and Lord, having been baptized by immersion and being in agreement with the mission of the Church, hereby commit myself with the help of God through the power of the Holy Spirit living within me, and with the support of the brothers and sisters within the body of Christ, to begin the process of learning to follow the biblical principles of church membership listed below:

#### 1. Christ-like Lifestyle

- I commit myself to live according to the teachings of the Word of God, and learn to follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ so as to please Him and be a positive witness of my faith.

Romans 12: 1-3; 9-10; Eph. 4:17-5:21; Rom 16:17; John 13:34

#### 2. Building Up the Church

- I commit myself to learn to build up the church by my prayers, by my regular attendance, by inviting others to attend, by sharing testimonies of God's work in my life, by discovering my God-given abilities and gifts, and by cheerfully and faithfully contributing these talents, along with my time and my tithes and offerings, as part of my worship of God, in order to:
  - further the ministries of the local church to its members and to the community;
  - support the work of the church regionally, nationally, and internationally; and
  - promote the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in my community, nation, and the world.

I Cor 12:1-26

#### 3. Doctrines and Polity

- I commit myself to learn to respect the doctrines of the church, to participate in its governance, choosing godly, capable leaders, and commit to learn to honor, respect and submit to those leaders as they follow Christ;
- I will learn to work in a constructive way, within the channels and procedures established by the polity of the church, to bring about change, promoting, encouraging, and supporting the unity of the church and fidelity to the Word of God.

Heb. 13:17; Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Cor. 1:10-12; Eph 4:1-6

#### 4. Mutual Accountability

- I commit myself to learn to love other Christians enough to admonish, entreat, and confront in humility and love anyone who is "caught in a sin," expecting them to do the same for me.
- I will learn to follow the teachings of Jesus to avoid gossip and to settle differences at the earliest opportunity by going to my fellow believer privately first, before involving others.

Gal. 6:1-2, Eph. 4:29; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 6:1-8

## **Rights and Privileges of Membership**

- I understand that God has created me to be part of His body of believers, the church; this participation happens primarily in a local congregation where I can: grow spiritually, learn to be more like Jesus Christ, learn to care and to be cared for, learn to love and to be loved, learn to minister and to be ministered to, learn to admonish and to be admonished.
- I recognize, as a member of this local body, that I am entering into a mutual relationship with the other members of this congregation and that I will have the privilege of learning what my gifts are, and using my gifts to build up the body of Christ.
- I will have the privilege of voting in accordance with the bylaws of the church at the local, regional or national levels.
- I will participate, along with my fellow members, in learning to establish goals and guiding the development of this congregation, district and conference so that we may more perfectly follow the will of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Withdrawal and Discipline**

- If at any time I can no longer fulfill this covenant or work constructively for the good of the church, I will submit a letter of resignation, withdrawing my membership while making every effort not to cause strife, disharmony, or disunity in the church at the local, regional or national levels.
- If I fail to live up to this commitment over an extended period of time, I recognize that the church and its leadership has an obligation to counsel with me regarding my failure and to call my membership into question, suspending or revoking it as they deem appropriate.
- If at any time I relocate from this area, I will ask the pastor or church leadership for a letter of recommendation introducing me to my new congregation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor, Local Pastor, or other authorized local church leader

Please keep one copy for church records, and one copy for personal records.  
Do not send to District or Conference office.



**Application for Membership in**  
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Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State/Province, Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Marital status: ☐ Single ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced

☐ Married: Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If minor, name of parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism performed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant mm/dd/yy

LOCAL LEADER SECTION

Membership certificate to be sent to authorized local church leader.

Print Name: Israel Steinmetz

Address: 6218 Donely Place

City: San Antonio

State/prov: TX

Zip/postal code: 78247

Phone no: 720-532-4917

E-mail address: israel.steinmetz@lifespringschool.org

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current pastor, local pastor, or other authorized local church leader mm/dd/yy

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
District superintendent mm/dd/yy

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

Please be sure all information is provided accurately and neatly, and then  
mail application only to District office for Superintendent signature.