

House of Praise International Church

Membership Covenant

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with House of Praise statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church by:

- Acting in love toward other members
- . Refusing to gossip
- . Following the leaders

Rom 14:19 “So let us then definitely aim for and eagerly pursue what makes for harmony and mutual up building (edification and development) of one another.” Ampl.

I Peter 1:22— - Since by your obedience to the Truth through the (Holy) Spirit you have purified your hearts for the sincere affection of the brethren, see that you love one another fervently from a pure heart.

Eph. 4:29— - Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk come out of your mouth, but only such speech as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God’s Favor) to those who hear it.

Heb. 13:17— - Obey your spiritual leaders and submit to them [continually recognizing their authority over you], for they are constantly keeping watch over your souls and guarding your spiritual welfare, as men who will have to render an account [of their trust]. [Do your part to] let them do this with gladness and not with sighing and groaning, for that would not be profitable to you [either]. Ampl.

2. I will share the responsibility of my church by:

- . Praying for its growth
- . Inviting the un-churched to attend
- . Warmly welcoming those who visit

I Thes. 1:1-2—...We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly. LB

Luke 14:23— - Then the master said to the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges and urge and constrain [them] to yield and come in, so that my house may be filled.

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

3. I will serve the ministry of my church by:

- . Discovering my gifts and talents
- . Being equipped to serve by my pastors
- . Developing a servant’s heart

I Pet 4:10— ”Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you” Phillips

Eph 4:11-12— And he gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Phil. 2:3-4&7 —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 Christ Jesus: who took on the very nature of a servant

4. I will support the testimony of my church by:

- . Attending faithfully
- . Living a godly life
- . Giving regularly

Heb 10:25— - Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another.

Phil 1:27 - Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ. Phillips

I Cor 16:2— 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” LB

Lev. 27:30 —A tenth of [all your] produce is the Lord’s and is holy. NCV

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