**LIFEPOINT**

**Membership Covenant**

**LIFEPOINT Vision Statement:**

***“To see Jesus Christ transform our lives and the world.***

**LIFEPOINT Mission Statement:**

***“Because God loves us, we exists to glorify God* (Worship), *to love one another***

**(Community) *and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ* (Missions) *in order to make***

***Disciples of all nations* (Discipleship)*.”***

**Four Pillars of LIFEPOINT:**

1. **Worship-To glorify God and to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.**
2. **Discipleship-To follow and obey Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.**
3. **Community-To love one another with the love of God.**
4. **Missions-To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**Pastor’s Covenant Responsibilities:**

 We the Pastor(s)/Elder(s) of LIFEPOINT covenant:

* **To appoint leaders {Pastor(s), Elder(s) and Deacon(s)}** who meet the qualifications described in the Scriptures (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)**.**
* **To continually and prayerfully seek God’s guidance** for LIFEPOINT, and to steward the resources entrusted to the church to the best of our abilities (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
* **To care for the church and seek her growth** in grace, truth, and love (Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:15-16 Colossians 1:28; James 5:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
* **To provide teaching, preaching and counsel** from the entirety of Scripture (Acts 20:27-28; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 2:1).
* **To equip the members of the church** for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16).
* **To be on guard against false teachers and false teachings** (Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 1 John 4:1).
* **To lovingly exercise church discipline** when necessary, for the glory of God, for the good of the one disciplined, and for the health of the church as a whole (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20).
* **To set an example** by joining the members in fulfilling the obligations of church membership as stated below (Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Peter 5:3)

**Member’s Covenant Responsibilities:**

**To glorify the Lord** through worship, obedience to His Word, service inside and outside of the church, spiritual formation such as regular Bible reading, pursuing the spiritual disciplines, and participation in the sacraments of baptism and communion, sharing the gospel with others, and by living a life that brings honor to Christ in every stage and season of life**.**

*“Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist”* (1 Corinthians 8:6).

*“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.* *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect”* (Romans 12:1-2).

*“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”* (Colossians 3:23-24).

*“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age’ ”* (Matthew 28:18-20).

**To guard the unity of LIFEPOINT** by acting in love toward other members, actively participating in a Community Group, refusing to gossip, encouraging other members to grow in their faith, and by living in a way that does not bring discredit to the Gospel or LIFEPOINT. We will hold each other accountable in this unity and covenant by listening to the teachings of Scripture, following church leadership by praying for and supporting them and submitting to church discipline, seeking reconciliation and restoration above all.

*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.* *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”* (John 13:34-35).

 *“**And all who believed were together and had all things in common.* *And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved”* (Acts 2:44-47).

*“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.**Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing”* (1 Peter 3:8-9).

 “*Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things ”* (Hebrews 13:17-18).

***“****Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, ‘You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,’ and, ‘The laborer deserves his wages.’ “* (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

 *“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near”* (Hebrews 10:24-25).

 *“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted”* (Galatians 6:1).

**To share the responsibility** **of LIFEPOINT** by discovering my gifts and talents, by discerning God’s calling to serve, by continuing to learn from Scriptures and the teaching of the pastor(s), and by seeking a servant’s heart.

***“****Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;* *and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good”* (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

*“But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?* *As it is, there are many parts, yet one body”* (1 Corinthians 12:18-20).

*“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,* *to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,**until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,”* (Ephesians 4:11-13).

“*When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, ‘Do you understand what I have done to you?* *You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.**If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.’ ”* (John 13:12-15).

*“Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation*” (1 Peter 2:12).

**To support the mission** of LIFEPOINT by attending faithfully, by living a godly life, by inviting family, friends and neighbors to attend, by warmly welcoming those who visit, by seeking to make disciples of all nations, and by giving “as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). I agree and support the LIFEPOINT Covenant, Mission Statement and Doctrine Statement, and will not be divisive.

***“****And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,* ***25****not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near”* (Hebrews 10:24-25).

 ***“****Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,**but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy’ ”* (1 Peter 1:13-16).

***“****The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.* *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver*” (2 Cor. 9:6-7).

 ***“****I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.* *For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naïve”* (Romans 16:17-18).

**To pray for LIFEPOINT**, it’s growth, it’s members and leaders and its mission.

*“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison,**that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person”* (Colossians 4:2-6).

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***I, before God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with LIFEPOINT’s Vision/Mission Statement, the Four Pillars (Worship, Discipleship, Community & Missions), the Pastor’s/Member’s responsibilities and the Statement of Faith (see attachment), choose to become a member of the LIFEPOINT by signing the Membership Covenant.***

Member’s name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Pastor’s name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\*I understand that if I relocate or unable to be part of LIFEPOINT, I will inform the pastor(s) of my decision and find another Bible-believing and Jesus loving church community to unite with in faith, service, and life.

**(Before coming to this decision we encourage you to prayerfully seek counsel with a pastor and/or a Lifegroup leader)**

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**Statement of Faith**

1. THE SCRIPTURES

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, complete, authoritative rule of faith, practice and conduct. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21)

2. THE ONE TRUE GOD

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son and Holy Spirit (the Trinity). (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10,11; Matthew 28:19, Luke 3:22) The terms "Trinity" and "persons" as related to the Godhead, while not found in the Scriptures, are words in harmony with Scripture, whereby we may convey to others our immediate understanding of the doctrine of Christ respecting the Being of God, as distinguished from "gods many and lords many." We therefore may speak with propriety of the Lord our God who is One Lord, as a Trinity or as one Being of three persons, and still be absolutely scriptural. (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 14:16-17) Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead
Christ taught a distinction of Persons in the Godhead which He expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode is inscrutable and incomprehensible, because unexplained. (Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 1:24; Matthew 11:25-27; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 1:3-4) Unity of the One Being of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Accordingly, therefore, there is that in the Father which constitutes him the Father and not the Son; there is that in the Son which constitutes Him the Son and not the Father; and there is that in the Holy Spirit which constitutes Him the Holy Spirit and not either the Father or the Son. Wherefore the Father is the Begetter, the Son is the Begotten, and the Holy Spirit is the one proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore, because these three persons in the Godhead are in a state of unity, there is but one Lord God Almighty and His name one. (John 1:18 John 15:26; John 17:11: John 17:21; Zechariah 14:9)

3. THE DEITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare: His virgin birth, (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31; Luke 1:35). His sinless life, (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22). His miracles, (Acts 2:22; Acts 10:38). His substitutionary work on the cross, (1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21). His bodily resurrection from the dead, (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:4). His exaltation to the right hand of God, (Acts 1:9; Acts 1:11; Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:3).

4. THE FALL OF MAN

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26,27; Genesis 2:17; Genesis 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

5. THE SALVATION OF MAN

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood (death) of Jesus Christ the Son of God and Justified by faith (Ephesians 1:7; Romans 5:1). Conditions to Salvation: Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God, according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11; Titus 3:5-7). The Evidence of Salvation: The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12). Sanctification: Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Romans 12:1,2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12) By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command: "Be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15,16) Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by the faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1-11; Romans 6:13; Romans 8:1,2; Romans 8:13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:12,13; 1 Peter 1:5).

#### 6. THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH

##### BAPTISM IN WATER: The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded by the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47,48; Romans 6:4).

##### HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements --bread and the fruit of the vine-- is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4) a memorial of his suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26) and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26) and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"

7. THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION

The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22,23; Ephesians 2:22; Hebrews 12:23). Since God’s purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man, to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world, the priority reason for being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is: 1. To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16). 2. To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Corinthians 12:13). 3. To be a channel of God’s purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 1 Corinthians 14:12). 4. To be a people who demonstrate God’s love and compassion for all the world (Psalms 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27)

9. THE BLESSED HOPE (The Return of Jesus Christ)

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51,52). The millennial reign of Christ: The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27; Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7; Revelation 19:11-14; Revelation 20:1-6). The new heavens and the new earth “But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21; Revelation 22).

10. THE FINAL JUDGMENT

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to the everlasting punishment in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; Revelation 20:11-15; Revelation 21:8).