

Qingdao International Christian Fellowship

Membership Covenant

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Having been brought by God's grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, we now, in humble dependence upon His Spirit, resolve to live by faith, and so establish this covenant with each other.

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace (Eph 4:3).

We will be devoted to one another in brotherly love. With humility and gentleness we will patiently bear with each other, forgiving, encouraging and building one another up, refusing to gossip, exercising watchfulness over each other and admonishing one another when necessary (Luke 17:3; Col 3:13; 1 Thes 5:11; 1 Pet 1:22). Should any conflict arise with another member, we will glorify God by working through it quickly (Eph 5:26), with humility of heart (Matt 7:1-6) and with the goal of full reconciliation (Rom 12:18), denying the devil an opportunity to create division (Eph 5:26).

We will not neglect to gather together or to pray for ourselves and others (Col 4:2; Heb 10:25). We will faithfully attend and participate in congregational meetings.

We will seek to cooperate with, support, and pray for the elders as they lead under the direction of the Word and Spirit (Heb 13:17).

We promise to bring up our children and youth in the training and instruction of the Lord (Eph 6:4), and to seek the salvation of our family and friends by a pure and loving example (1 Pet 3:1).

We will rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep, helping to carry each other's burdens (Rom 12:15).

We will seek, by God's help, to live carefully in this world, denying ungodliness and worldly passions. We will seek, as foreigners, to live as salt and light in our community. We will strive to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age as we wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ (Titus 2:12; 1 Pet 1:14).

We will defend and maintain an evangelical ministry in this church by supporting and upholding the preaching of the Word of God (2 Tim 4:2), the administration of baptism and the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor 11:26), and the exercise of church discipline (Matt 18:17; 1 Cor 5:13).

We will use our spiritual gifts and natural talents for the good of the church (Eph 4:11-16; 1 Cor 12:7).

We will contribute cheerfully, generously and regularly to the support of the ministry, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel to all nations (Matt 28:19; Luke 12:33; 2 Cor 9:7).

We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all (2 Cor 13:14).