

COVENANT

PARTNERSHIP

As Christians, we recognize that our sin separates us from God. We believe that Jesus Christ restores that relationship if we repent and accept Him as the perfect sacrifice for our sin. But we also follow Jesus as disciples through a lifestyle that goes beyond ideology alone. We surrender daily to the way of the Gospel, not simply to a list of do's and don'ts. Our lives should demonstrate freedom from the bondage of sin and thankfulness to God for his grace and love shown through Jesus. ***A disciple is one who is continually learning and growing and being transformed into the image of Jesus Christ; one whose heart is fully devoted and surrendered to Jesus Christ.***

Romans 12:1-13 | Matthew 22:37-39 | Matthew 16:24-25 | Luke 14:26-27.

We believe that an active disciple commits to His church locally. A disciple should enter a local church partnership as a spiritually binding, bilateral covenant with the Risen Lord Jesus and the leadership appointed in the local church. Indy Metro Church is a multi-cultural, multi-generational Christian church committed to making disciples and redefining the normals of the Christian lifestyle in our culture.

Covenant Partnership is our membership process intended to develop mature devotion as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is a one year agreement, or covenant, between the individual and the people of Indy Metro Church. As a disciple of Jesus Christ committing to a Covenant Partnership at Indy Metro Church you are committing to:

WORSHIP

Our first priority is to worship God. We are for His glory. A lifestyle of worship puts life's activities and decisions in a proper perspective. Disciples of Jesus Christ recognize the Lord as the only object worthy of worship, and our lifestyles are to reflect that truth. Worship is our response to God in word, deed, and thought. Covenant Partners embrace this privately and through corporate local Christian church expression.

Romans 12:1-2 | John 4:21-24 | 1 Corinthians 10:31 | Matthew 22:34-40.

TRUTH

We recognize that truth is from the Lord and are committed to truth as understood through the Holy Spirit, other believers, and Scripture. The Bible is our recognized foundation for truth as the inspired Word of God. It provides authority and guidance to Christians, and it is the primary guide to decision-making within Indy Metro Church—including conflict resolution. Disciples of Jesus Christ at Indy Metro Church agree to place themselves under the authority of the pastoral leadership of Indy Metro Church, and to be held accountable to their leadership and administration of the Scriptures. A disciple's diligent pursuit of truth includes reading the Bible, prayer, and application of Scripture to all decisions, relationships, and lifestyle.

John 14:6 | John 16:13 | Ephesians 6:14

Philippians 4:8 | 2 Timothy 3:16:17 | Hebrews 13:17.

RELEVANCE

We believe that the Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and that the Gospel is always relevant, needing no amendments for our culture. Still, Covenant Partners will strive to appropriately contextualize the Gospel within the

environment He has placed us in this city. We will promote the gospel of Jesus to the best of our ability, always seeking to relate God's love and truth in our culture. As disciples we intend to remove any cultural barriers, such as language or Christian jargon, which prohibit someone from growing in a walk with Christ. We will live as those, not of the world, but as sent for the world.

2 Corinth 1:13 | Acts 8:30-31.

SUPPORT

Each Covenant Partner actively supports the church having a personal confidence rooted in his or her position in Christ, loving neighbors, and loving God. This includes supporting the unity of Indy Metro Church—the attendees, staff, and pastoral leadership—and recognizing the Scriptures as the source of governing truth in our relationships. We will commit to consistent prayer for the church and leadership, and practice generosity towards the church, fellow believers and non-believers. Embracing generous living as a clear indicator that Christians are not enslaved to material possessions. Covenant Partners commit to giving regularly and generously to the financial needs of Indy Metro Church, and maintain the personal responsibility to serve the needs of their neighbors. Active support within the church requires regular attendance and service during the weekly corporate worship gatherings, active participation in discipleship relationships within the body (e.g. CityGroup or one-on-one), and striving to cultivate healthy, authentic relationships with others from within this community of faith.

Matthew 28:18-20 | Eph. 4:1-3 | 2 Corinth. 8:7-9 | Acts 2:42-47; 4:32.

Share a summary of where, how and when you first came to be an active follower of Jesus Christ: _____

(USE ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER IF NECESSARY)

Please share when and where you were immersed in baptism as an active follower of Jesus Christ: _____

(USE ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER IF NECESSARY)

I affirm all the above statements to be true and understand this to be renewable each year. I have reviewed and agreed to the Statement of Faith of Indy Metro Church. I hereby enter into covenant with Indy Metro Church.

Signature lines (Please sign and then print your name)

Name/Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pastoral Signature: _____



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