



Membership Agreement

I, _____, do hereby request membership at Bethel Cincinnati Church in Cincinnati, OH, and agree with the saints of this Assembly according to the following understanding:

1. **DOCTRINE.** I subscribe to the essential truths of the Christian faith as set forth in the creeds and confessions of the historic Christian church. I agree with all the tenets of the Apostles Creed.
2. **FOUNDATIONS.** According to Acts 2:38 I have repented, been baptized in water and received or am open to receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
3. **PLACEMENT.** In requesting membership, I am declaring that God has spoken to me, or borne witness to my spirit and made known to me that membership in this Local Church is His sovereign will for my life. This is in accordance with 1 Corinthians 12:18 that states God “sets every member in the body just as He desires.”
4. **SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY.** In requesting this membership, I do hereby declare that I recognize the Pastor, Elders and other designated authorities within the church as set by God, and do submit myself to these spiritual authorities. I also agree to submit my life for examination and, if necessary, correction by the spiritual authorities in this house. I recognize Bethel Cincinnati Church to be a church that practices church discipline, up to and including excommunication for serious offenses not repented of.
5. **MAINTAINING UNITY.** I commit to work to maintain unity with others at Bethel Cincinnati. I will not intentionally instigate dissension and gossip nor continue it. If and when conflict and misunderstanding arise, I will follow Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18:15-17 and approach my brother/sister first to seek reconciliation and resolution and only bring others in if necessary. I will seek to believe the best and protect my brother/sister's name and character.
6. **COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT.** In requesting this membership, I am agreeing to support the work of the Lord and the mission of this church in the following areas:
 - a) *Time.* I commit to make church attendance a priority in my life as evidenced by faithful attendance whenever possible. I will not “forsake the assembling of ourselves together.”
 - b) *Talent.* I commit myself to discovering and utilizing my spiritual gifts and talents, and to serving once a month, within the Church, in an Area of Ministry of my choice.
 - c) *Treasure.* I commit to support Bethel Cincinnati Church on a financial basis with the tithe (a tenth) of all my increase.

In signing this Membership Agreement, I am stating that I understand and agree with the terms of membership at Bethel Cincinnati Church.

Member signature: _____ Date: _____

Pastor or Staff signature: _____ Date: _____