



PORTICO®  
a community church

# MEMBER COVENANT





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*Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and having been baptized, and being in agreement with PORTICO's statement of faith, mission and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with PORTICO's church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to participate in the following:*

### 1. TO PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

...By acting in love toward other members

*"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." Rom. 15:19 (Ph)*

*"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts." 1 Peter 1:22 (TEV)*

...By refusing to gossip

*"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." Eph. 4:29*

...By partnering with **PORTICO** leadership

*"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." Heb. 13:17*

### 2. TO SHARE IN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

...By praying for its growth

*"To the church ... we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." 1 Thess. 1:2*

...By building relationships with the unchurched so that I may share my personal story with them and invite them to attend intentional events, so that we together may reach them for Christ

*"The Master said to the servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full.'" Luke 14:23 (NCV)*

...By warmly welcoming those who visit

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

### 3. TO SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

...By discovering my gifts and talents

*"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..."  
1 Peter 4:10(Ph)*

...By taking personal responsibility for becoming equipped to serve

*"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph. 4:11-12*

...By developing a servant's heart

*"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 Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..." Phil. 2:3-4,7*

### 4. TO SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

...By attending faithfully

*"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Heb. 10:25*

...By contributing to community and supporting our vision "to become a church without walls expressed through small groups."

*"They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread (ate together and celebrated the Lord's Supper) and prayed together." Acts 2:42*

...By living a godly life

*"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." Phil. 1:27 (Ph)*

...By giving regularly

*"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." 1 Cor. 16:2*

*"A tenth of all your produce is the Lord's, and it is holy." Lev. 27:30*

***We look forward to your becoming a part of the PORTICO community  
and to growing in Christ with you!  
If you have any questions, please contact the church office – 905-826-9612.***