



# Sonoma Springs Covenant Church

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## Membership Covenant

Name:

Home Address:

Email address:

Phone:

Date of Birth:

### MARRIAGE and FAMILY STATUS

☐ Single      ☐ Married      ☐ Divorced      ☐ Re-Married      ☐ Widowed

Spouse's Name:

Date of Marriage:

Please provide the name and birthdates of any children you would like to include in our church family and children/youth activities:

## **PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

Personal conversion to Christ is a requirement for membership. To be converted is to know you have committed your life to Jesus Christ, trusting in him solely for forgiveness of your sins (Acts 3:19). Some Christians are able to trace their conversion to a point in time. Others testify that commitment to Christ occurred over a period of time. What is essential is to know that you have committed your life to Jesus Christ.

Please provide a brief statement concerning your relationship to Jesus Christ. Include in it a brief description of how you were converted to Christ and what Jesus Christ means to you today. [Here is one sample of a personal testimony](#), of course your story is your story and will be unique. If you need more space you can submit your testimony separately.

**BAPTISM** is a requirement for membership at Sonoma Springs Covenant Church. We affirm the validity of infant, child, or adult baptism. Both sprinkling and immersion are practiced. We recognize baptisms performed in other Christian churches. Please provide proof of your baptism by a certificate of baptism signed by an ordained clergy person or by a letter from the church where you were baptized.

When, where and by whom were you baptized?

☐ I have never been baptized, but I would like to be.

### **CHURCH BACKGROUND**

Are you presently a member of another church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what is the name and location (city, state) of the church?

Please request a letter of transfer from your previous church.

How have you served in previous churches?

Where do you envision serving at Sonoma Springs Covenant Church?

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH and PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT**

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Sonoma Springs Covenant Church's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Sonoma Springs Covenant Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

### **I will protect the unity of my church**

...by acting in love toward other members  
...by refusing to gossip  
by following the leaders.

- “So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together.” Romans 14:19 (Phillips).
- “Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart.” 1 Peter 1:22 (TEV)
- “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.” Ephesians 4:29
- “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.” Hebrews 13:17.

### **I will share the responsibility of my church**

...by praying for its growth  
...by inviting the unchurched to attend  
...by warmly welcoming those who visit.

- “To the church - We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly.” 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2 (LB)
- “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)
- “So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.” Romans 15:7 (LB)

### **I will serve the ministry of my church**

...by discovering my gifts and talents  
...by being equipped to serve by my pastors  
...by developing a servant's heart.

- “Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you.” 1 Peter 4:10 (Phillips).
- “[God] gave...some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:11-12.

- “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 Christ Jesus: Who...[took on] the very nature of a servant.” Philippians 2:3-4,7.

### **I will support the testimony of my church**

...by attending faithfully  
 ...by living a godly life  
 ... by giving regularly.

- “Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another. Hebrews 10:25
- “Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ.” Philippians 1:27 (Phillips).
- “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 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)
- “A tenth of [all your] produce is the Lord’s and is holy.” Leviticus 27:30 (NCV)

☐ I confess Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord.

☐ I believe the Bible to be the word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct.

☐ By the grace of God, I vow to remain steadfast in the faith.

☐ By the grace of God, I vow to live a life that is morally and ethically consistent with the example and teachings of Jesus Christ.

☐ By the grace of God, I vow to devote yourself to the task of growing spiritually.

☐ By the grace of God, I vow to worship regularly in this church.

☐ By the grace of God, I vow to live among God's faithful people, to hear his word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

☐ By the grace of God, I vow to give my time, talents and treasure, as generously as possible, for the work of the gospel as carried on by this church and the denomination to which we belong?

Acknowledging my commitment to Jesus Christ, and recognizing my need for fellowship and opportunities for service, I hereby make an application for membership in Sonoma Springs Covenant Church of Las Cruces, NM.

Signature:

Date:

FOR CHURCH OFFICE USE

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of transfer received from \_\_\_\_\_ on  
\_\_\_\_\_

Membership recommended by the Leadership Team on \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation approved by the congregation on \_\_\_\_\_

Received into membership on \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pastor  
\_\_\_\_\_

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