

Community UMC

Church Membership Covenant

January 2020

Introduction:

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Leadership Team of Community United Methodist Church, in partnership with the pastors, have developed this covenant to guide all of us in our shared life and work together in the Spirit of Jesus Christ as members together of Christ's Holy Church and of Community UMC.

Covenant:

We believe there are certain basic expectations of all members of the Christian Church. In support of such, we commit ourselves together as members of Community UMC to:

1. **Worship Participation** - We will be present and actively engaged in corporate worship on most Sundays.
2. **Small Group Participation** - We will be active in a healthy church small group ministry.
3. **Missions & Service Participation** - We will actively participate in missions in the broader community as well as service within the local church.
4. **Stewardship Participation** - We will be faithful stewards of all of God's blessings to us, particularly striving towards giving a 10% tithe of our income to the church.

5. **Personal Spiritual Growth** - We will have an intentional daily devotional practice including Scripture reading and prayer, seeking to become increasingly mature Christians.
6. **Invitational Focus** - We will represent CUMC well in the broader community, intentionally inviting our friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to participate in the life of the church. We will each bring at least one new person to church each year.
7. **Christian Conflict Resolution** - We will follow the model of conflict resolution Jesus lays out for us in Matthew 18. We will first seek resolution through speaking to an offending/offended party privately. If that is not successful, we will then discreetly engage with one or two others to join in talking with the offending/offended party. If that is not successful, we will respectfully seek to involve the church appropriately (i.e., with the pastors and/or the leadership team). After that point, we will supportively yield to the church's authority related to long-term resolution and accountability.
8. **Christlike Attitude** - We will behave according to the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, and seek to have others in the church do the same. This will include speaking to and treating one another respectfully and kindly, in a maturing Christian Spirit.

Signature:

As a member of Community UMC, I commit myself fully to this covenant:

Signature

Date