

## Membership – Covenant Partnership

Why do we talk about membership at Lambrick? Because, biblically, church isn't something that we *go to* once a week. It is something that **we are together**. At its' core, the church is a covenant community. The community of those whom God has called together and called out—**joining together in a common commitment to Christ, to a shared pursuit** (vision, mission, values), and **to one another**. That's what it means to be the church, and so that's why we talk about and actively encourage everyone to enter into **covenant partnership** with us.

At Lambrick we use the language of "covenant partnership" as opposed to "membership" because membership language suggests 'rights and privileges' and being a part of the 'in' crowd (which is not at all what membership in the church is about). Whereas "covenant partnership" emphasizes sharing the responsibility, playing your part, and working together to achieve a common goal. And that's what this is about. That's what the Lambrick needs and what we believe God wants.

If this is where you are at, then we'd like to invite you to take this next step with us.

Below are the three core commitments that Covenant Partners make to enter into covenant community together. They are not meant to be laws or rules, but rather the commitments that free us to pursue together what God is calling us to be and do as a church. None of us will live these commitments perfectly, but we commit to pursue them wholeheartedly.

### Affirming Your Partnership

#### I have committed my life to following Jesus Christ.

*By the grace of God, I have put my faith in Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, I have received his forgiveness and Spirit, and I have surrendered to follow Him with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength. As a follower of Jesus, I embrace Lambrick's Statement of Faith.*

#### I am committed to pursue the vision, mission and values of Lambrick.

- pursuing Christ with others – on Sundays and beyond (Acts 2:42).
  - *By the grace of Christ, I will embrace the gifts and challenges of Christian community and will seek to grow in Christ with others.*
- serving & playing my part in this community of priests (1 Peter 4:8-11).
  - *By the grace of God, I will seek to build up the body of Christ and actively minister to others in formal and informal ways.*
- participating in God's everyday mission in the world (Colossians 1:20, John 20:21).
  - *By the grace of God, I will support and seek to participate in corporate missional initiatives, as well as look for ways to seek God's kingdom wherever God has me.*
- supporting the ministry of Lambrick financially through tithing (Deut 14:22-29, Malachi, 3:18f; Matt 23:23f).
  - *By the grace of God, I will share in the ministry of Lambrick through regular financial support.*
- participating in the decisions and direction of Lambrick prayerfully (Acts 15).
  - *By the grace of God, I will seek God for His leading in the life of Lambrick and will seek the unity and fruitfulness of the church.*

#### I am committed to the community of Lambrick Park Church.

*As brothers and sisters in Christ, I commit to seeking God's kingdom with and for Lambrick; serving and growing together in humility, love and unity.*

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