

On Membership + Covenant Community

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** – called together and called out by God – in a **common commitment to Christ, to a shared pursuit** (vision, mission, values), and **to one another**. At Lambrick, membership is about making and living this commitment – for the sake of others.

Although we do use the language of membership, our vision of this is more about **joining a family** and the shared responsibilities this brings, than a *Costco-membership* concept (which for a small fee brings rights, privileges and being a part of the 'in' crowd).

In truth, church membership means *sharing the responsibility, playing your part, and working together for the benefit of all*. That's what the Lambrick needs and what we believe God wants.

If this is what you are after, then we'd like to invite you to take this next step with us. Below you will find the **three core commitments** that members make at Lambrick.

But first, two considerations. None of these are meant to be laws or rules, but commitments that free us to pursue together what God is calling us to be and do as a church. And with that, while the latter two commitments of membership are *very real*, they are not *forever* commitments. They are "*for the season that God gives us together*" commitments. All that to say, none of us will live these commitments perfectly, but we commit to pursue them **wholeheartedly**.

The Commitments

1. 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 part of this, I embrace Lambrick's Statement of Faith.

2. I am committing to pursue the vision, mission and values of Lambrick.

- pursuing Christ with others – on Sundays and beyond (Acts 2:42). *By the grace of God, 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 contribute to others and what God is doing at Lambrick...*
- participating in God's everyday mission in the world (Colossians 1:20, John 20:21). *By the grace of God, I will support Lambrick's missional partnerships and 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 giving.*
- 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.*

3. I am committing to the community of Lambrick Park Church.

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

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