

SLE Church Membership Covenant (Draft)

By God's grace, we have been brought to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Having been joined to Him by His Spirit, and now seeking to commit ourselves to one another as members of His body at SLE Church, we solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant together.

As those united in Christ, we affirm the truths of the gospel as expressed in the Statement of Faith held and taught by SLE Church, and commit to uphold this shared foundation as we walk and serve together in love.

God enabling us, we therefore commit to the following:

We will guard the gospel entrusted to us, upholding sound doctrine, rejecting false teaching, and encouraging one another to remain faithful to Christ.

(Gal. 1:6–9; 2 Tim. 1:13–14; Jude 3)

We will walk together in love as brothers and sisters, a family of sinners saved by grace.

(John 13:34–35; Rom. 12:10; 1 Pet. 3:8)

We will labour for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, bearing patiently with each other and freely forgiving as we have been forgiven in Christ.

(Eph. 4:1–3; Matt. 18:21–35; Eph. 4:32)

We will pursue transparency with each other, resisting the temptation to hide our struggles and sins, that we might experience the grace of God in the care of His saints.

(Rom. 15:7; 1 John 1:6–10; James 5:16)

We will commit to regularly gathering with the whole church for worship and fellowship, because no one can faithfully follow Jesus alone.

(Heb. 10:24–25; 1 Cor. 12:12–27; Prov. 18:1)

We will commit to the ministry of prayer, and to pursue each other's good as we encourage frequently, admonish gently, and receive correction humbly with gratitude for the love behind it.

(James 5:16; Rom. 12:10; Heb. 3:13; Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:15, 29–31)

We will actively participate in the mission of SLE Church, seeking to make Christ known through our personal witness, prayer, and joyful support of gospel ministry locally and beyond, trusting the results to God.

(Mark 1:17; 2 Cor. 5:18–20; 1 Pet. 2:9; 3:15)

We will nurture the next generation – bringing up the children under our care and encouraging younger believers in the faith.

(Deut. 6:4–7; Eph. 6:4)

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavour, with tenderness and sympathy, to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.

(Rom. 12:15; Gal. 6:2; 1 Pet. 3:8)

We will commit to giving financially – cheerfully, regularly, and sacrificially – to the ministry of the church, to the care of those in need, and to advance the spread of the gospel from Brisbane to the ends of the earth.

(1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 9:6–7; Rom. 12:13; 1 John 3:17–18; Matt. 28:18–20)

We will honour and pray for our church leaders, submitting to their care and teaching as they seek to shepherd us faithfully according to God's Word.

(Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12–13; Acts 20:28)

If we leave this congregation, we will join another gospel-preaching church, as soon as possible, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

(Heb. 10:24–25; 13:17)

In all these things, we depend on God's grace and the power of His Spirit, not our own strength. As one body, we press on together. And through life, whatever opposition may come, we will live for the glory of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light.

(Matt. 5:11–12; James 1:2; 1 Pet. 2:9)