



MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, then being baptized and in agreement with the Churches vision, values and beliefs, I now desire to unite and commit to the Island Church family. I recognize the importance and value of being part of a small group and/or ministry team at Island Church. In doing so, I commit myself to God and His grace to do the following:

1. I WILL ENDEAVOUR TO PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- By acting in love towards other members
 - By encouraging and edifying others
 - By honoring the leaders
 - By refusing to gossip
-
- “So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and on the growth of our fellowship together.” -*Romans 14:19*
 - “Have a sincere love for other believers; love one another earnestly with all your heart.” -*1 Peter 1:22*
 - “Do not let unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs ” -*Ephesians 4:29*
 - “Obey you 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*

2. 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*
 - “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*
 - So, welcome each other into the Church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you, then God will be glorified.” -*Romans 15:7*



3. 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
 - By belonging to a small group
-
- "Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you." -1 Peter 4:10
 - "(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

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- By attending faithfully
 - By living a godly life
 - By giving tithes and offerings 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
 - "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
 - "A tenth of all your produce... is the Lord's, and is holy." -Leviticus 27:30