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MEMBERSHIP: ADOPTION INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

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Fireside Reformed Baptist Church's (FRBC) membership covenant is a multifaceted statement of promise, summary of expectations, ethical statement, and biblical standards. It is a glimpse into what it means to join Fireside and exemplifies how membership at FRBC is substantive. These promises shall serve as our guiding commitments as a church for our joy and God's glory.

STATEMENT

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I joyfully and thoughtfully desire to join the membership of Fireside Reformed Baptist Church (FRBC) in mutual fellowship, for edification, encouragement, and accountability with the other members of Fireside Reformed Baptist Church. I will, by God's grace, seek to exhibit the following:

1. I will faithfully participate with FRBC church in weekly worship, prayer, fellowship, and in the observances of the ordinances of baptism and communion. To aid in spiritual growth, fellowship, accountability, and unity, the elders encourage regular attendance with Going Deeper Groups (GDG) and Quarterly General Meetings (QGM) throughout the year (1 Corinthians 11:23-28; Hebrews 10:23-25).
2. I am committed to FRBC's statement of faith, bylaws, and membership covenant and will work toward doctrinal unity with a humble and teachable spirit. Where there is disagreement, questions, or a lack of understanding in doctrinal convictions, I will take the initiative and responsibility to inquire with the elders and engage in edifying discussion for clarity and mutual love (John 13:34-35;

Ephesians 4:1-3, 32; 1 Peter 1:22).

3. I will submit to the church leadership as men who will give an account to God for the shepherding of the souls in the membership of FRBC. I also submit to the church's care and lovingly assume my responsibility to participate in the care of other members, as taught in scripture, as the needs arise (Colossians 3:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Hebrews 13:7).
4. I will submit to the Bible as my ultimate authority and rule in life and ministry (2 Timothy 3:14-17; Psalm 19).
5. I will carefully, thoughtfully, and prayerfully seek to maintain the purity of the church and uphold the practice of church discipline by seeking to restore FRBC members under formal church discipline to Christ and FRBC. I will also submit myself, should I come under church discipline, to the care, guidance, and counsel of the elders to honor God and preserve the unity of FRBC.
6. I will pursue peace with all people, especially with other believers, by being slow to take offense and eager to find reconciliation, while shunning gossip, slander, and divisiveness. In situations where there is offense with another person, I will take intentional and timely initiative to seek forgiveness but also, reconciliation and restoration of the relationship (Proverbs 6:16-19; Ephesians 4:29-31; 2 Timothy 2:24, Matt 5:23-26; Matt 18:15-20).
7. I will lovingly fellowship with and watch over other members in the church as they also watch over me. I will remember them in prayer, help them in sickness and distress, promote their spiritual growth, encourage them to turn from sin, and stir them to love and good deeds. I will seek to do this showing no partiality based on ethnicity, gender, background, social status, economic status, or education (Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 12:15; Colossians 3:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; James 2:1-13).
8. I will seek to live a life above reproach. I will be just and honest in my dealings and

faithful in my responsibilities and commitments to this body and in the community (Matthew 5:37; Philippians 2:14-15; James 5:12; 1 John 2:5).

9. I will cheerfully and regularly contribute to this church from the resources God has given me for its general ministry and expenses, the care of widows, orphans, and others in need, and the spread of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 9:7; Galatians 6:10; James 1:27; 1 John 3:17-18).
10. Should the need arise to move from FRBC, I will consult with the elders in advance for the purpose of prayer, counsel, and closure and, if possible, unite with another like-minded church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant until we are all united in heaven as we eagerly await the return of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10:23-25).

In summary, I will love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and I will love others as Christ loves me, all being done for the glory of God, the good of FRBC, and as a powerful witness to a watching world.

Signed