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# DOXA CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

#### **OVERVIEW**

Doxa Church exists to see the Eastside look more like Heaven. This requires the presence of Christ in his people, living as disciples who make disciples of Jesus in the everyday stuff of life. We believe the church is God's household (Eph. 2:19). We are God's family called to devote ourselves to one another in loving relationship (Acts 2:42) both showing what God is like and calling others to join his family through faith in Jesus Christ. Though the Church is one household with one God and Father over us all, we believe it's important to devote ourselves to a local expression of the family, submitting ourselves to one another under biblically qualified elders for the purpose of ongoing care, equipping and development for ministry, and faithfulness to our doctrine and mission. Our membership covenant is an expression of our desire to learn and live as a family together on mission so that the Eastside can look more like Heaven.

#### OUR VISION

The vision of Doxa Church is to see the Eastside look more and more like Heaven. We seek the renewal of the Puget Sound as God makes this place more like His Kingdom.

The word *Doxa* means *Glory* in Greek. God's vision is to see the knowledge of the glory of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14). Jesus is the glory of God, and He is the means by which anyone comes to truly know God. And it is Jesus Christ in us who is the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). For people to see the glory of God, Jesus has to come into our lives, change us, and work through us.

It is our hope that Doxa Church might be a part of equipping God's people to realize they are the church sent into the everyday stuff of life so God might fill every place with His glory through His people.

#### OUR MISSION

The mission of Doxa Church is to make disciples of Jesus in the everyday stuff of life. Everything we do as a church serves to equip believers for living out their faith in the places they work, learn, live, and play. We do this by becoming culturally engaged citizens of our city, experiencing life transformation from the Gospel, seeking kingdom renewal of the region, and living as everyday disciples of Jesus.

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

- I am a Christian saved from the eternal wrath of God by faith in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, through His death and resurrection, by which I am assured of eternal life (John 3:16-18; Rom. 3:23-26).
- I believe Jesus Christ is exactly who He claimed to be; God's eternal son, the Messiah who became flesh; fully God and fully man. The only mediator between God and man. (Isa. 53:6; Matt. 26:64; Mark 14:62; Luke 22:70; John 4:25-26; 6:29; 8:58; 11:25-27; 14:6-7; 15:5).
- I have repented of my sins and have been made a new creation in Christ (1 John 1:9; 2 Cor. 5:17).
- In obedience to Scripture, I have been baptized to personally identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and to publicly demonstrate my new identity as a disciple of Jesus (Col. 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21).

## STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE

I agree with the core beliefs of Doxa Church, which are expressed in both <u>The Lausanne Covenant Statement of Faith,</u> and our five core theological emphases:

- 1. We believe the glory of God is seen most beautifully in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 2. We enthusiastically embrace the sovereignty of God's grace in saving sinners.
- 3. We recognize and rest upon the necessity of the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit for all life and ministry.

4. We are deeply committed to the fundamental spiritual and moral equality and complementarity of men and women.
5. Doxa Church embraces a missionary understanding of the local church and its role as the primary means by which God chooses to establish His kingdom on earth.

For more information about our mission, vision, and beliefs, visit https://www.doxa-church.com/belief.

# COMMITMENT OF DOXA CHURCH LEADERS TO ITS MEMBERS

- We covenant that your elders and deacons will meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Tim. 3:1-13; 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- We covenant to seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures, pray, and follow the Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-5).
- We covenant to care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Christ, in part by equipping you for service (Eph. 4:11-13) and praying for you regularly, particularly when you are sick (James 5:14).
- We covenant to provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture (Acts 20:27-28; Gal. 6:6; 1 Tim. 5:17-18).
- · We covenant to be on guard against false teachers (Acts 20:28-31).
- We covenant to exercise church discipline when necessary (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1).
- We covenant to set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12).

### MY COMMITMENT TO DOXA CHURCH AS A

#### MEMBER

- · I will commit to: 1) gathering regularly with the family on Sunday and within missional community (GATHER); 2) deepening my relationship with Jesus and others in a missional community and DNA (GROW); stewarding God's resources by giving of my time, talent and treasure to the Doxa family and beyond (GIVE); and 4) having a plan and accountability for reaching others with the Gospel in my everyday life (GO).
- · I agree, by God's grace, to walk in holiness as an act of worship to Jesus Christ, who has saved me from my sin so that I could live a new life (2 Cor. 5:17).
- I have read and understood the Doxa Statement of Faith and will not be divisive to its teaching. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace (Eph. 4:1-3; Heb. 13:7, 17).
- I covenant to submit to the authority of Scripture as the final arbiter on all issues (Ps. 119; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- I covenant to submit to discipline by God through his Holy Spirit, to follow biblical procedures for church discipline in my relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ, and to submit to discipline when approached biblically by brothers and sisters in Christ (Ps. 141:5; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Cor. 2:5-8; Gal. 6:1-5 8; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 2:25; Titus 1:9; 3:10-11; Heb. 12:5-11; Rev. 2:5-7, 14-25).

# MY COMMITMENT TO THE MISSION AND VISION OF DOXA CHURCH

I have read the vision and mission statement of Doxa Church and commit to participate in this mission as a disciple of Jesus. I commit to live in the light of my new identity in Christ, seeking to serve the ministry of the local and global church for his glory.

I agree that we are better together and I commit to investing in community to make my life and city better. I will show up and steward my physical presence for Jesus and others. I will add value by contributing my unique gifts and talents to my church and local community. I also commit to multiplying by pursuing and discipling others to grow in their relationship with Jesus so that they can in turn become disciple-makers.

I understand that this covenant commits me to the members of Doxa Church and I willingly place myself in submission to the elders of the church. I accept the responsibility to notify Doxa Church leadership if at any time I can no longer commit to this covenant, or if I have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding Doxa Church.