

## ***MEMBERSHIP COVENANT***

I enter into a covenant relationship with the members of this church. I endeavor:

- To attend when possible (Hebrews 10:25)
- To give faithfully and joyfully (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- To witness as the Lord gives opportunity (1 Peter 3:15)
- To pursue personal holiness (1 Peter 1:15)
- To pray for the flock (Ephesians 6:18)
- To heed all the *one another* commands (John 13:34)
- To submit to the leaders of this church (Hebrews 13:17)
- To submit to church discipline (Matthew 18:15-18)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***ESSENTIAL BELIEFS***

**The Bible** – We believe the bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible, sufficient and authoritative Word of God.

**God** – We believe there is one God, who exists eternally in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Man** – We believe God created man in His image, upright and sinless. In Adam all mankind fell. Man remains an image bearer, yet it has been so distorted that he is in need of regeneration and restoration.

**Jesus Christ** – We believe in the full deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, including His virgin birth, sinless life, penal substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension to the right hand of the Father, and bodily return in power and glory.

**Salvation** – We believe salvation is only through grace alone, by faith alone, in Christ alone.

**The Holy Spirit** – We believe in the full deity of the Holy Spirit, who indwells every believer, enabling obedience and spiritual growth, and He preserves each one unto eternity.

**The Church** – We believe that the universal church is comprised of all the redeemed. We believe commitment to the local church is necessary for spiritual health.

**Marriage** – We believe that marriage is between one biological man and one biological woman.

**The Sanctity of Human Life** – We believe that all human life is created by God in his image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies.

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Redeeming Cross Community Church’s faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Elder Board is Redeeming Cross Community Church’s final interpretive authority on the Bible’s meaning and application.

I am in full agreement with these Essential Beliefs.

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### ***CORE DISTINCTIVES***

**Christ-centered, expository preaching** – We teach the primacy of the preaching of God’s Word in the church. All of Scripture is God’s testimony to His Son Jesus Christ and His saving work on the cross. Therefore, the presence of Christ and Him crucified is absolutely essential to true and faithful expository preaching.

**The Sovereignty of God in salvation** – We teach that salvation, from beginning to end, is wholly of the Lord. Man is dead in trespasses and sins and in need of an absolute work of grace. We teach what are commonly called the doctrines of grace as recovered in the Protestant Reformation.

**Elder Led** – We teach the local church is to be shepherded by a plurality of godly men known as elders, who are responsible to devote themselves to prayer, to the teaching of God’s Word and to oversight of the flock. These men will give an account to God for the members of their local church.

**Baptistic** – We preach and practice believer’s baptism by immersion. We do however, recognize the essentially secondary nature of this doctrine. Therefore, we leave membership open to believers who have been baptized as infants and who are persuaded of Reformed covenantal infant baptism.

I understand these Core Distinctives of Redeeming Cross Community Church.

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