



At *the bridge* we are **all in** to follow Christ; we are committed to receiving and extending God's grace. Having made a personal decision to trust and follow Jesus and being aligned with *the bridge's* Statement of Faith, vision, mission, strategy and leadership, I have made a prayerfully considered decision to partner with the bridge family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members in the following ways:

1. SAFEGUARD THE UNITY

- by acting in love toward others
- by refusing to gossip
- by supporting the collective church vision and the leaders

We agree to have unity in the essentials, liberty in the non-essentials and charity, or love, in all things. Christ-followers must be willing to go directly to the appropriate person (including those in leadership) when issues of concern arise, with the desire to engage in honest and respectful dialogue (see Matthew 18:15-17). Disagreement should always be handled in ways that promote unity and steer away from gossip, rumor, or divisiveness.

2. SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY

- by praying for its growth and health
- by warmly welcoming those who are guests
- by honouring God with my tithe (Give)

We are ALL IN to continue to nurture and build the culture and purpose of *the bridge*—to be transformed people, impacting our world in Christ. We share this responsibility by praying for its growth and health and by welcoming those who attend, making this a place that includes all people. The church is for those not already here!

As Christ-followers, we realize that everything we are and have belongs to God. In light of this, we desire to be responsible stewards of the material resources that God has entrusted to us. We recognize the tithe (10% of one's earnings) as the historic standard of giving in Scripture. But even more so, in response to Christ's abundant giving, Christ followers display a spirit of generosity and cheerfulness in supporting the work that God is doing through the church.

3. SERVE THE MINISTRY

- by discovering my God-given gifts and talents
- by being teachable and willing to be equipped to serve
- by seeking a place of service within the church (Give)

Jesus identified Himself above all as a servant: "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45). Christ-followers recognize that the church is composed of interdependent parts or members, each uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of building up the body and furthering the ministry of the church. We therefore seek to discover, develop, and deploy those God-given gifts and to seek a place of service within the church, with the support and affirmation of the body.

4. SUPPORT THE HEALTH AND MISSION

- by faithfully attending weekend gatherings (Gather)
- by being a member of a LifeGroup or Seasonal Group (Group)
- by being God's hands and feet to a world in need (Go)

As Christ-followers, we know the grace of God that saved us is only the beginning of His work in us. To this end, we consistently nurture our spiritual development by both gathering with the collective at weekend services and meeting in LifeGroups or Seasonal Groups with others who also are growing in love of God, each other and our world.

Also, Jesus invites us to join Him in looking beyond our circle of friends to show God's compassion to those outside the walls of the church building. As part of the Body of Christ, we intend to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus to a broken world. We will go around the corner or go around the world to expand God's Kingdom on earth.

5. END STATEMENT

When together in community we commit to Christ and His mission, we are able to bring our best self—our gifts, talents, personality, time, and treasures—into the life of the local church. Our alignment in matters of faith and practice has the power to make us an ALL IN community.

“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all. From Christ, the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work” (Ephesians 4:3-6, 16).

I will do all the above to the very best of my ability with God’s strength and power.

member’s signature

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