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ELDERS

COMMITMENT TO EXAMPLE

The Citylight elders commit to living as examples for the whole flock by being godly church members first and leaders second.

COMMITMENT TO PRAYER

The Citylight elders commit to prayer as their primary work. In every aspect of leadership and ministry, the elders promise to uphold the preeminent place of prayer.

COMMITMENT TO LEADERSHIP

The Citylight elders commit to appointing elders, deacons and staff who fulfill the biblical qualifications and responsibilities for those offices. Similarly, the elders commit to prayerfully shaping the vision and direction of Citylight Church through careful study of Scripture and equipping the saints for the work of ministry.

COMMITMENT TO TEACHING

The Citylight elders commit to shepherding the church by teaching the whole counsel of God's Word and diligently protecting the flock from false-teaching and theological error.

COMMITMENT TO CARE

The Citylight elders commit to counseling and caring for the flock from the Scriptures. Similarly, the elders will equip the saints to care for one another in an effort to provide biblical ministry to every covenant member. The elders are committed to caring for the flock through loving discipline when such discipline is biblically necessary.

MEMBERS

ATTEND GATHERINGS REGULARLY

As a committed part of the Citylight Church Body, I will regularly attend the key gatherings of Citylight Church, including the Sunday gathering and my particular Citygroup. I promise to prioritize these gatherings in a way that clearly uphold the spirit of Hebrews 10:24-25, which says: *“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”*

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COMMITMENT TO DOCTRINE

As a committed part of Citylight Church, I am in agreement with and understand the membership doctrine of Citylight Church and will seek to uphold and defend it. In any areas of disagreement I may have with the elder doctrine, I agree to avoid being divisive and uphold the principle of unity and peace.

COMMITMENT TO MISSION

The mission of the local church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ (Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8). I commit to intentionally moving towards people outside the church through speaking the truth of the gospel and demonstrating the gospel's power in my daily living. Similarly, I will seek to continually build up other members of the Body of Christ so that we will all grow in unity and maturity.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE & SUPPORT

The Bible teaches that all Christians have been entrusted with spiritual gifts and financial resources for the edification of the Body, the spread of the gospel, and the glory of God (1 Peter 4:10-11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-9). Therefore, I commit to serving the church in a way that is consistent, sacrificial and voluntary. Similarly, I commit to giving financially toward the work of the church regularly, joyously and sacrificially.

COMMITMENT TO HOLINESS

Holiness is the result of experiencing the radical grace of God in the gospel (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 2:9-12). As a member of Citylight, I promise to submit to the authority of Scripture in every facet of my life. I will pursue holiness through regularly practicing spiritual disciplines such as Bible reading, prayer and fellowship. Through the power of the Spirit I will continually put off sin and walk in a manner worthy of my calling as a Christian. For example, I commit to complete chastity if unmarried and complete fidelity in heterosexual monogamous marriage. Similarly, I will refrain from illegal drug use, drunkenness and all activities that the Scriptures deem foolish. Not only will I abstain from these, but I will seek to lovingly call other believers in Christ to the same.

COMMITMENT TO ACCOUNTABILITY

By committing to Citylight I am committing to live a life of continual confession, repentance and faith, not perfection. I agree to be accountable to the elders in particular and the church in general should I begin to live in ongoing, unrepentant sin. As a member of the Citylight family, I am committing to receiving accountability and, if necessary, discipline from my fellow church members if I persist in sin without seeking grace and transformation.

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All church accountability is done out of love for the purpose of restoration and growth (Mt. 18:15-20; Hebrews 13:17). I will notify the elders if at any point I can no longer uphold the membership covenant. If I move, I will seek membership in a biblical church as soon as possible.

X _____
Signature Date

X _____
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