

# Appendix I

## St. Rose Community Church Membership Covenant

As sinners<sup>1</sup> who have been made new<sup>2</sup> and having become members of God's redeemed people by grace alone,<sup>3</sup> through faith alone<sup>4</sup> in Christ alone<sup>5</sup>, and having publicly professed our salvation through baptism,<sup>6</sup> we affirm this covenant together with ST. ROSE COMMUNITY CHURCH by God's Grace and for God's glory.

We have become the family of God the Father,<sup>7</sup> thus, we will love one another and will increasingly reflect our Father's image to the world. We have become the temple of God the Spirit,<sup>8</sup> thus, we will strive for holiness and will house the very presence of God for the world to see. We have become the body of God the Son,<sup>9</sup> thus, we will act as the hands and feet of Jesus in the world and we will serve the Lord and his church with the unique abilities and gifts He has blessed us with.

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<sup>1</sup> Romans 3:10-18; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 John 1:8

<sup>2</sup> John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Romans 6:11; Ephesians 1:5; 1 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:21-24; 1 John 3:9-10

<sup>3</sup> Ephesians 2:4-9

<sup>4</sup> Romans 3:22; Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Romans 10:9

<sup>5</sup> Romans 3:23-25; Romans 5:6-11; Acts 4:11-12; John 3:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

<sup>6</sup> Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:41; Romans 6:1-4

<sup>7</sup> 1 John 3:1; Romans 8:15-16; Hebrews 12:7-11; Galatians 6:9-10; Ephesians 5:1; John 1:11; Mark 3:31-35; 1 Timothy 5:1-2

<sup>8</sup> 1 Peter 2:4-5; 1 Corinthians 6:15; Ephesians 2:19-22

<sup>9</sup> 1 Corinthians 12:14-26; Romans 12:4-8; Colossians 1:18

## JOINING TOGETHER

Together, we will engage in personal and corporate devotion to the Word of God<sup>10</sup> through reading the Word, studying the Word, hearing the Word and ultimately sharing the Word.

We will devote ourselves to the worship of God through our obedience,<sup>11</sup> prayer,<sup>12</sup> fasting<sup>13</sup> and singing.<sup>14</sup> We will worship through cheerful giving<sup>15</sup> for the support of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel. We will also worship by remembering our redemption through the regular participation in the Lord's Supper.<sup>16</sup>

We will devote ourselves to the people of God by meeting together consistently,<sup>17</sup> praying for one another regularly,<sup>18</sup> and serving one another selflessly.<sup>19</sup> In our devotion to God's people, we will bear each other's burdens and share in each other's joys.<sup>20</sup>

We will seek unity in all things<sup>21</sup> and will outdo one another in showing honor<sup>22</sup>. Motivated by our love, we will humbly and gently confront one another and will receive correction from one another according to the biblical understanding of church discipline and restoration.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Acts 2:42; 5:20; 5:42; 6:1-7; 10:44; 13:48-49; 19:20; 20:32; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Corinthians 1:18; Ephesians 1:13; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 John 1:1-4; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 119:9-11

<sup>11</sup> John 14:23; 1 John 2:3-6

<sup>12</sup> Matthew 6:9-13

<sup>13</sup> Matthew 6:16-18

<sup>14</sup> Psalm 150:1-6; Colossians 3:16

<sup>15</sup> Acts 2:45; 4:34; Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 12:16-21; Malachi 3:8-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

<sup>16</sup> Luke 22:17-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>17</sup> Hebrews 10:24-25

<sup>18</sup> Philippians 1:3-6

<sup>19</sup> Romans 12:9-13

<sup>20</sup> 1 Corinthians 12:26; 2 Corinthians 2:3; Galatians 6:2

<sup>21</sup> Romans 15:5; Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Peter 3:8

<sup>22</sup> Romans 12:10

<sup>23</sup> Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15; 2 John 1:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:19-20; Acts 5:14

## A MEMBERSHIP CLASS FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

In our devotion to the people of God, we will humbly submit to the leadership of pastors who meet the biblical qualifications and who have been entrusted by God to shepherd, lead, teach and oversee St. Rose Community Church according to the authority of the Word of God and the Spirit of God<sup>24</sup>. We will also affirm deacons who meet the qualifications as servant leaders in the church, as they firmly stand for truth, selflessly serve the church, relentlessly seek unity and consistently emulate Jesus.<sup>25</sup>

In all that we do we seek to accomplish the mission of glorifying God by making disciples of all nations.<sup>26</sup> We believe that every true disciple of Jesus is a disciple maker and we will actively seek ways that God might use us in this mission.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, welcoming one another as Christ has welcomed us, for the glory of God.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> Hebrews 13:17; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 5:17-20; 1 Peter 5:1-4

<sup>25</sup> Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:8-13; Romans 16:1-2

<sup>26</sup> Matthew 4:19; Matthew 28:16-20; 2 Timothy 2:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10; Colossians 2:24-29; 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

<sup>27</sup> Romans 15:5-7

# Appendix II

## Answers for Blanks

### Chapter 1 – Redeemed

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- God is the One True God
- God is Creator
- God is All Powerful

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- God is All Knowing
- God is Holy
- Redemption from Sin

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- Redemption in Christ alone
- Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is our Justification

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- Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is our Propitiation
- Jesus' sacrifice on the cross shows God's Love for us
- Jesus' resurrection proves Jesus' authority to give Eternal Life

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- Redemption by Grace alone

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- Redemption through Faith alone

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- Redemption Toward Christ alone

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- To be saved is to be spiritually Born Again
- To be saved is to go from spiritual Death to Life

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- To be saved is to be made New
- The truly saved are recognized by their Fruits

## Chapter 2 – Redeemed Together

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- The Church is the Bride of Christ

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- The Church is the Family of God the Father
- How does thinking of God as your Father affect how you view your relationship with Him?

We are deeply loved by God the Father.

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We are disciplined by God the Father.

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We bear the Father's image and we grow to reflect Him

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- If you were to view the local church as your spiritual family, how does that affect how you relate to the church?

We are spiritual brothers and sisters.

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We are responsible for one another.

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We bear one another's burdens.

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We are transparent with one another.

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We love one another no matter the circumstances.

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- The Church is the Body of God the Son

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- What are some of the implications for the church functioning like a body?

We are the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

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Christ is the head and ruler of our lives.

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We are uniquely valuable and gifted.

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We are deeply connected to one another.

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We need one another to be effective.

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- The Church is the Temple of God the Spirit

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- If we are to be the temple of God the Spirit and fulfill the purpose of the temple in the world, what implications does that have for us as the church?

## JOINING TOGETHER

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The church is not a physical building, it is a spiritual people.

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We provoke worship by representing God to the world.

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We are intimately united with God.

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We are to be holy and set apart.

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We are joined together to house the presence of God.

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### Chapter 3 – Devoted to the Word of God

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- The Bible is Revelation, not just information

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- The Bible is God's revealing four major things:
  - God's Character
  - Man's Character
  - God's Great Plan for Redemption
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- The Word is Saving
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## A MEMBERSHIP CLASS FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

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- Worship through Praying
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- Worship through Singing

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- Worship through Giving

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- Church members give because God has given every good gift
- Church members give because God has given us more than we need to help those that are in need.
- Church members give temporary treasure because we look forward to an eternal treasure.

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- Worship through Remembering

### Chapter 5 – Devoted to the People of God

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- Professing Together (Baptism)

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- Joining Together (Church Membership)

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- Love for the Individual compels us
- Love for the Church compels us
- Love for the World compels us

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- Following Together (Church Leadership)

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- Serve the Needs in the Church
- Seek the Unity of the Church
- Symbolize Jesus to the Church

## JOINING TOGETHER

### Chapter 6 – The Mission of God

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- Make Disciples

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- Disciple making requires continual Praying
- Disciple making requires powerful Proclaiming
- Disciple making requires intentional Living
- Disciple making results in more Disciple making
- Of All Nations

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- Eternity Demands our Urgency
- There is Only One God Worthy of Worship

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- We Find Peace in the Promise of His Power