

ETHNOS MEMBERS

Membership Covenant

Having been led by God to make Ethnos my church family, I commit to the following in order to fulfill God's purposes for me in and through this community:

Commit to God

- Follow Jesus as leader and treasure of all my life (Luke 9:23-26)
- Express this commitment through baptism (Matt. 28:18-20)

Commit to the Ethnos Community

- Embrace the vision, mission, values, beliefs, and leadership of Ethnos (Phil. 1:28, 2:2; Hebrews 13:17)
- Contribute talents, time, and material goods for the mission of Ethnos (1 Peter 4:10, 2 Corinthians 8:2-3, 9:6-8)
- Love and work in unity each other, especially in our words and in regard to culture (Luke 10:25-37, Eph 4:29). See Back.

Commit to those beyond the Ethnos Community

- Live a life of witness in both word and deed to the multicultural neighbor, near and far (Matt. 28:18-20, James 2:14-17)

A Gossip and Slander Covenant (Ephesians 4:29-32 and other passages)

When I Listen:

- I will *stop* gossip/slander as soon as I discern it beginning in a conversation.
- I will *not believe or make assumptions* about people based on gossip/slander.

When I Speak:

- I will only speak of a person in a *positive and uplifting way* when they are not around.
- I will *keep confidential* all that is meant to be kept confidential. I will get permission to share if needed.
- If I have a problem with someone, I will *pray* for that person first before speaking to him or her.
- If I have a problem with someone, I will *only speak about the problem to the person* with whom I have the problem. I will follow Matthew 18:15-20.
- If I need to get help in dealing with a situation, I will speak about the situation in such a way that *identities are protected and cannot be guessed*.

I will carry these guidelines in *all my relationships*, including those with my spouse, family, and Ethnos leadership. And I will work through *cultural differences and preferences* in order to fulfill this covenant.

Print Name

Signature

Date