Membership Covenant
Affirmation of Membership
in

______________________,
a local congregation affiliated with the
General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day)
Denver, Colorado

Preamble

I, ______________________, having repented of my sins and accepted Jesus as my
Savior and Lord, having been baptized by immersion and being in agreement with the
mission of the Church, hereby commit myself with the help of God through the power of
the Holy Spirit living within me, and with the support of the brothers and sisters within the
body of Christ, to begin the process of learning to follow the biblical principles of church
membership listed below:

1. Christ-like Lifestyle
   • I commit myself to live according to the teachings of the Word of God, and learn to
     follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ so as to please Him and be a positive wit-
     ness of my faith.

     Romans 12: 1-3; 9-10; Eph. 4:17-5:21; Rom 16:17; John 13:34

2. Building Up the Church
   • I commit myself to learn to build up the church by my prayers, by my regular at-
     tendance, by inviting others to attend, by sharing testimonies of God’s work in my
     life, by discovering my God-given abilities and gifts, and by cheerfully and faithfully
     contributing these talents, along with my time and my tithes and offerings, as part
     of my worship of God, in order to:
       • further the ministries of the local church to its members and to the commu-
         nity;
       • support the work of the church regionally, nationally, and internationally; and
       • promote the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in my community, nation,
         and the world.

     I Cor 12:1-26

3. Doctrines and Polity
   • I commit myself to learn to respect the doctrines of the church, to participate in its
governance, choosing godly, capable leaders, and commit to learn to honor, respect
and submit to those leaders as they follow Christ;
   • I will learn to work in a constructive way, within the channels and procedures estab-
lished by the polity of the church, to bring about change, promoting, encouraging,
and supporting the unity of the church and fidelity to the Word of God.

     Heb. 13:17; Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Cor. 1:10-12; Eph 4:1-6
4. Mutual Accountability

- I commit myself to learn to love other Christians enough to admonish, entreat, and confront in humility and love anyone who is “caught in a sin,” expecting them to do the same for me.
- I will learn to follow the teachings of Jesus to avoid gossip and to settle differences at the earliest opportunity by going to my fellow believer privately first, before involving others.

Gal. 6:1-2, Eph. 4:29; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 6:1-8

Rights and Privileges of Membership

- I understand that God has created me to be part of His body of believers, the church; this participation happens primarily in a local congregation where I can: grow spiritually, learn to be more like Jesus Christ, learn to care and to be cared for, learn to love and to be loved, learn to minister and to be ministered to, learn to admonish and to be admonished.
- I recognize, as a member of this local body, that I am entering into a mutual relationship with the other members of this congregation and that I will have the privilege of learning what my gifts are, and using my gifts to build up the body of Christ.
- I will have the privilege of voting in accordance with the bylaws of the church at the local, regional or national levels.
- I will participate, along with my fellow members, in learning to establish goals and guiding the development of this congregation, district and conference so that we may more perfectly follow the will of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Withdrawal and Discipline

- If at any time I can no longer fulfill this covenant or work constructively for the good of the church, I will submit a letter of resignation, withdrawing my membership while making every effort not to cause strife, disharmony, or disunity in the church at the local, regional or national levels.
- If I fail to live up to this commitment over an extended period of time, I recognize that the church and its leadership has an obligation to counsel with me regarding my failure and to call my membership into question, suspending or revoking it as they deem appropriate.
- If at any time I relocate from this area, I will ask the pastor or church leadership for a letter of recommendation introducing me to my new congregation.

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ________________
Member

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ________________
Pastor, Lay Pastor, or other authorized local church leader

Please keep one copy for church records, and one copy for personal records.
Do not send to District or Conference office.
Application for Membership in

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Print name: _____________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________

City/State/Province/Postal code: __________________________________________

Phone no: ___________________ E-mail address: ____________________________

Date of birth: ___________________________ ____________________________

Month  Day  Year

Gender:  □ Male  □ Female

Marital status:  □ Single  □ Widowed  □ Divorced

□ Married:  Name of Spouse: ________________________________

Maiden Name: ________________________________

If minor, name of parents: ______________________________________________

Date of baptism: ___________________________ ____________________________

Month  Day  Year

Baptism performed by: __________________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ______________

Applicant  mm/dd/yy

LOCAL LEADER SECTION

Membership certificate to be sent to authorized local church leader.

Print Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State/prov: ____________________________

Zip/postal code: ___________________________ Phone no: ___________________

E-mail address: __________________________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ______________

Current pastor, lay pastor, or other authorized local church leader  mm/dd/yy

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ______________

District superintendent  mm/dd/yy

Print name

Please be sure all information is provided accurately and neatly, and then
mail application only to District office for Superintendent signature.