

## THE ICT MEMBERSHIP COVENANT - HOW WE BEHAVE

We commit ourselves to the Lord and to one another, and want to obey all that God requires of us in Scripture, out of love for him. We make these promises before the Lord, believing them to be what he wants, and necessary for the church's peace and blessing.

WE WILL, with God's help, make every effort to live holy lives and in brotherly love (1 Peter 1:14-16; John 15:17; Romans 12:10).

WE WILL seek each other's good by encouraging one another towards love and good deeds, by helping each other in our different circumstances and spiritual conditions, by being patient and compassionate regarding each other's weaknesses and failings, and by warning and rebuking one another with humility and love (Hebrews 10:24; Romans 15:1; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15)

WE WILL pray for one another, for the increase and blessing of the church, for the presence of Christ through God's Spirit upon us, and for his protection over us, so that in everything God may be glorified. (Mt 5:9-13; Eph 6:18; Lk 11:13; Acts 4:23-24)

WE WILL work together to proclaim the gospel, to serve one another with the gifts God has given us, to keep our unity through the Spirit whom God has given us, and to avoid causes of division (Philippians 1:27; Ephesians 4:3; Rom 16:17)

WE WILL meet together on the Lord's Day to worship God, to be taught from his Word, and to celebrate the Lord's Supper; and also on other days, when possible, for bible study, prayer and encouragement (Hebrews 10:25; 13:15; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Col 3:16)

WE WILL pray for and encourage the pastor and other leaders to fulfil their duties, and we will be loyal to them as long as they are faithful to the gospel, uphold the church's doctrinal basis, and set a godly example in their personal lives (1 Thessalonians 5:12; Hebrews 13:17-18; 1 Timothy 3:1-2).

WE WILL be faithful stewards of all God's gifts to us by giving cheerfully and regularly for the expenses of the church, the support of the pastor, the upkeep of the place of worship, the relief of the needy, and the spread of the gospel at home and abroad (1 Corinthians 9:14; 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4; 9:7; Galatians 6:6; Philippians 4:15-17)

We are aware of our weaknesses, but we desire to keep these promises with the help of the Holy Spirit, believing that God has called us by his grace and made us his children.

# Becoming a Member of the International Church of Torino



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## ICT DOCTRINAL STATEMENT - WHAT WE BELIEVE

### 1. GOD:

There is one God, who exists eternally in three distinct but equal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is unchangeable in his holiness, justice, wisdom and love. He is the almighty Creator, Saviour and Judge who sustains and governs all things according to his sovereign will for his own glory.

### 2. THE BIBLE:

God has revealed himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone. Every word was inspired by God through human authors, so that the Bible as originally given is in its entirety the Word of God, without error and fully reliable in fact and doctrine. The Bible alone speaks with final authority and is always sufficient for all matters of belief and practice.

### 3. THE HUMAN RACE:

All men and women, being created in the image of God, have inherent and equal dignity and worth. Their greatest purpose is to obey, worship and love God. As a result of the fall of our first parents, every aspect of human nature has been corrupted and all men and women are without spiritual life, guilty sinners and hostile to God. Every person is therefore under the just condemnation of God and needs to be born again, forgiven and reconciled to God in order to know and please him.

### 4. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:

The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life in obedience to the Father. He taught with authority and all his words are true. On the cross he died in the place of sinners, bearing God's punishment for their sin, redeeming them by his blood. He rose from the dead and in his resurrection body ascended into heaven where he is exalted as Lord of all. He intercedes for his people in the presence of the Father.

### 5. SALVATION:

Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved. It has been accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ and is offered to all in the gospel. God in his love forgives sinners whom he calls, granting them repentance and faith. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life.

### 6. THE HOLY SPIRIT:

The Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Christ and to apply his work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life and gives a true understanding of the Scriptures. He indwells all believers, brings assurance of salvation and produces increasing likeness to Christ. He builds up the Church and empowers its members for worship, service and mission.

### 7. THE CHURCH:

The universal Church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible in local churches, which are congregations of believers who are committed to each other for the worship of God, the preaching of the Word, the administering of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; for pastoral care and discipline, and for evangelism. The unity of the body of Christ is expressed within and between churches by mutual love, care and encouragement. True fellowship between churches exists only where they are faithful to the gospel.

### 8. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Baptism and the Lord's Supper have been given to the churches by Christ as visible signs of the gospel. Baptism is a symbol of union with Christ and entry into his Church but does not impart spiritual life. The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice offered once for all and involves no change in the bread and wine. All its blessings are received by faith.

### 9. THE FUTURE:

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory. He will raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness. The wicked will be sent to eternal punishment and the righteous will be welcomed into a life of eternal joy in fellowship with God. God will make all things new and will be glorified forever.

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