

**CV Church Membership  
Application Form  
April 2019**

**Membership**

Membership of CV Church is open to any person who is willing to affirm the following statements of beliefs and values and demonstrate their commitment to a lifestyle which is actively pursuing them. Membership is renewable annually by application and the affirmation of the following statements:

***1. I affirm my personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.***

**Affirmation** of personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour is foundational to membership. We welcome into membership those who have previously made a public affirmation of faith through believer's baptism and/or confirmation as a believer in another church. For those who have not previously done so, we ask that you do so as part of the membership process.

***2. I agree with and will uphold the mission and support the values of CV Church and its oversight body Crosslink Christian Network.***

**Our Mission**

"Transforming lives and communities through helping people connect with Jesus Christ."

**Our Ministry values**

The following core values guide and inform our ministries in pursuing our mission of "transforming lives".

- **Authentic relationships**

We value authentic relationships characterised by grace and truth, which foster personal growth and wholeness.

- **Inclusive community**

We value inclusive community characterised by open hearts and open homes, where all people are welcomed and accepted unconditionally.

- **Generosity of spirit and action**

We value generosity of spirit and action expressed in living sacrificially and giving generously of our time, our talents, our treasure and ourselves.

## **Our Network Beliefs and Values**

We affirm the values of the Crosslink Network which are:

As an expression of our desire to be one with the church as a whole, we affirm our commitment to the core truths contained in the Nicene and Apostolic Creeds. We have deliberately avoided closely defined doctrinal statements simply because the basis of our relationship is not the fine points of doctrine but upon a commitment to the core and tolerance with regard to the non-core doctrines.

Crosslink Christian Network seeks to develop as a work of God based on Scripture and the power of the Holy Spirit in the Australian environment. The following represent some of the things we value:

**1. The Authority of Scripture** – We value the Bible as the full revelation of Jesus Christ and seek to approve all things according to the Word of God. We are committed to believing God to fulfil every promise contained in Scripture. (2 Timothy 3:16)

**2. The Lordship of Jesus Christ** – We value our relationship with the Father through Jesus Christ as our primary commitment and seek to serve Jesus as Lord through the whole of our lives. (Acts 2:36)

**3. The Power of the Holy Spirit** – We value the empowering of the Holy Spirit as the essential enablement for ministry that would bear witness to Jesus. We seek to develop in the operation of all the gifts and graces of the Spirit given by God as supernatural equipment for the ongoing ministry of Jesus (Acts 1:8)

**4. The Command of Jesus to Make Disciples** – We value the commitment to fulfil the Great Commission given by Jesus to the church, to preach the gospel to every person, seeking to draw them to become His disciples. We will seek to multiply this ministry through planting churches. (Matthew 28:18 – 20)

**5. The Uniqueness of the Local Church** – We value the ministry of the Spirit through the local church and seek to express our faith by belonging to a local church and to exercise our ministry by the power of the Spirit as part of that Body. (Ephesians 1:22; Acts 2:40 – 47)

**6. The Unity of the Spirit** – As local churches / ministries we seek the unity of the Spirit with every believer and with all churches / ministries that confess faith in Jesus Christ. We desire to co-operate with the other churches / ministries in our region in order to proclaim the Gospel to every person. (John 17:21; Ephesians 4:3)

**7. The Centrality of Worship** – We value worship, as we seek to respond to God's desire for a people who worship Him in Spirit and truth. (John 4:23)

**8. The Pursuit of Holiness** – We are committed to becoming like Jesus. We desire that our personal lives and our relationships generally will reflect more and more of His character. (1 Peter 1:15)

**9. Care for the Poor** – We want to fulfil the command of Christ to care for those special people in God’s sight whom the Bible refers to as “the poor”. (Matthew 25:31 – 46)

***3. I will demonstrate my commitment to a lifestyle which is actively pursuing the above mission, beliefs and values through:***

- Pursuing maturity in Christ by allowing God’s grace, truth and love to transform me.
- Walking humbly and gently before God and in relationship with others.
- Maintaining the unity of the Spirit through how I speak and act.
- Building up the body of Christ in faith, hope, love and the knowledge of Jesus.
- Praying for the mission of God through and beyond CV Church.
- Living generously and sacrificially, acknowledging that all good gifts come from God. Giving a proportion of my income to support the work of CV Church.
- Contributing to the mission of the church through developing and using my gifts and abilities in serving others within and beyond CV Church.
- Connecting with others in community through regular participation in worship, Connect Groups, mentoring and mutual support.

**Process and maintenance of rolls**

- Membership rolls are to be maintained and reviewed annually by Church Council in conjunction with Administrative staff.
- Members are required to renew their commitment in writing each year.
- A Covenant Service will be held each year to allow people to affirm/reaffirm their commitment to Christ, and to the membership of CV Church. Explanation and opportunity to ask for more information about both will be provided in the weeks prior.
- Office bearers and Church Councillors are required to be members and are to be elected by the registered members of CV Church.
- After initial establishment of the membership roll, subsequent members are to be “sponsored” by two existing members and inducted through an interview or membership classes, as deemed appropriate.

**Membership Application (tick applicable boxes)**

- I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply to become a member of CV Church.  
(First and Last name)
- I have read and agree with the above affirmations, and by God’s grace I commit myself to pursue a lifestyle which demonstrates and reflects them.

- I have previously been baptised or confirmed as a believer in the \_\_\_\_\_ Church OR
- I wish to be baptised as a public expression of faith.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_