



In order to be a member of NVC, someone should be:

A Christian – Only someone who professes faith in Christ and desires to be an obedient learner and follower of Him should be a member of a Christian church.

A regular attendee – A church cannot affirm and oversee a person's profession of faith if they do not regularly attend. Without attendance, membership is meaningless.

Someone who desires to obey the Bible – A church member exercises childlike faith in the Bible being the Word of God and the only source whereby one lives a lifestyle pleasing to God. A church member embraces Absolute/Universal Truth and adopts a Biblical Worldview regarding all matters of life.

Someone who agrees with the church's mission, vision, and values – A church member is congruent with the overall DNA of the church and is eager to assimilate into the church's culture.

Someone who is willing to submit to the leadership of the church – If someone isn't willing to follow the church's leaders, then one will inevitably stir up division and strife. It's best for one to join a church whose leaders one *can* obey.

PARTNERING AS A MEMBER IN THE VISION AND MISSION OF NVC

"Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and agreeing with what has been presented in the Church 1.0 class, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the New Vintage Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following..."

- 1. I will protect the unity of my church:** by acting in love toward other members ... by refusing to gossip ... by following the leaders

"May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus." - Romans 15:5

"You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart." - 1 Peter 1:22

“Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.” - Hebrews 13:17

- 2. I will share the responsibility of my church:** by praying for its growth ... by inviting the unchurched to attend ... by warmly welcoming those who visit

“We are writing to the church...We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.” – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2

“So his master said, ‘Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.’” - Luke 14:23

“Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.” - Romans 15:7

- 3. I will participate in the ministry of my church:** by discovering and developing my gifts and talents ... by being equipped to serve alongside my leadership ... by developing a servant’s heart

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” - 1 Peter 4:10

“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.” - Eph 4:11, 12

“Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had... He took the humble position of a servant... - Philippians 2:3-5, 7

- 4. I will support the testimony of my church:** by attending church and various ministries faithfully ... by adopting a Biblical Worldview and living a godly life ... by giving tithes and offerings

“...And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” - Hebrews 10:25

“Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ.” - Philippians 1:27

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. Try it! Put me to the test! See if I will not open a window from heaven and pour out more blessing than you can handle!” - Malachi 3:10