



*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your **partnership** in the gospel from the first day until now ... (Philippians 1:4-5)*

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and agreeing with Hope in the City's values, vision, purpose, and statement of faith, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite myself with the church family of Hope in the City.

By the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit I commit to:

1. Set aside time daily to cultivate my personal relationship with God through prayer and reading the Bible.
2. Live out the values of Hope in the City in the context of Christian community – a Hope Group.
3. Contribute a tithe of my income to the ministry of Hope in the City.
4. Find my place of service in fulfilling the vision of our church.
5. Guard the unity of my church through:
  - Acting in love toward other members. (John 13:34; 1 Peter 1:22)
  - Dealing with offense in a godly manner. (Matthew 5:23-24; Matthew 18:15-17)
  - Refusing to gossip. (Ephesians 4:29)
6. Join my church in reaching out to those far from Christ by:
  - Praying for my unsaved friends and relatives.
  - Inviting them to church and Hope Group.
  - Warmly welcoming those who visit.

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### Hope in the City's **Values:**

- Worship – loving God passionately and honoring Him in all things.
- Christian Community—connecting in life-giving relationships with other believers.
- Spiritual Maturity—becoming more like Jesus Christ in character, word, and action.
- Ministry—using our resources and gifts to build up the body of Christ.
- Kingdom Growth—partnering with God to advance His Kingdom in Austin and the Nations.

### Hope in the City's **Purpose:**

HITC exists to glorify God by growing devoted followers of Christ in communities that advance His Kingdom in Austin and the Nations.

### Our **Vision** is to:

- engage in dynamic corporate worship.
- disciple people in life-giving Hope Groups.
- and initiate church planting movements.

### What We Believe – **Our Statement of Faith:**

We believe in the **One True God** who in love has revealed Himself to us in **Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**. In the Person of His Son, He entered the world as a baby, fully human, yet fully God. He lived a sinless life, then offered Himself on the cross so that we might be redeemed and through the sacrifice of His blood, experience a new and spiritual birth.

After His death He was buried, and on the third day rose again and ascended to Heaven, where He is seated at the right hand of God. He then poured out His Spirit, giving birth to the Church and empowering it to be His witness, equipping His people with spiritual gifts to do the work of the Kingdom of God.

We believe the Son will soon return to claim His Bride, the **One True and Universal Church**, and take Her to Heaven where She shall live and reign with Christ forever. We believe that we must respond to this great love that God has lavished on mankind by repenting of our sins, placing our faith fully in Jesus Christ, and submitting to His authority in our lives to be saved. Those who refuse this great love are in danger of eternal judgment in a literal hell. Through this living and vital relationship with Him, we are continually being changed more and more into the image of Christ. We believe our purpose is not only to know Him, but also to live to make Him known throughout the earth. We embrace these important truths based on God's Word, the Bible, which is our authority and guide for faith and living.