



**INNOVATION**  
**CHURCH**

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**Thanks for your interest in becoming an official  
"Partner" with Innovation Church.  
We believe Partnership should be meaningful,  
both for you and the church,  
so this isn't something we take lightly.**

**As a Partner,  
you're making three commitments.**

**1. There's a commitment to God.**

- a. You're affirming that you are indeed a Christian who is desiring to follow Jesus, and you've been baptized to publicly show your allegiance to Him.

**2. You're committed to the  
mission of Innovation Church.**

- a. You know our mission statement and you are playing an active part in building, serving, and empowering others to fulfill their unique purpose. This means you're serving somewhere and you're financially supporting the church.

**3. You are committed to  
growing in your faith.**

- a. No matter how long you've been a Christian, there are still steps you can take to become more like Christ. As a partner, you're acknowledging that you're taking an active role in the discipleship process - either through participation in a Connect Group, by taking classes, and/or by personal, spiritual disciplines.

**Please complete the information on the next few pages.**



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## Step One: Read/Listen

**You have attended/watched “Next Steps 1 - 3 ”.**

We try to cover this material quarterly and also plan to offer it as an online class in the future.

## Step Two: Read Our Statement of Beliefs

Read our “**Statement of Beliefs**”. This can be found on our website under the beliefs section, on the values page, you can also request a copy, and it is also covered in **Next Steps #2 - Know Innovation** .

## Step Three: Answer the Following Questions

1. Describe the circumstances surrounding your salvation experience.
2. When and where were you baptized? If you haven't been baptized, is this something you would like to do?
3. In what areas do you want to grow as a Christian? Partnership isn't a one-way commitment. As shepherds, we want to help you grow in your faith.



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## Step Three Continued...

1. Are you a member of a previous church? If so, where? Why are you leaving? Are you leaving on good terms? \* If you are a member of another church, you need to talk with someone to let him or her know that you are leaving. Just as the unity, trust and honor of Innovation Church is important, the unity, trust and honor of your previous church is important.
2. Did you read the statement of beliefs?
  - a. Is there anything there that you disagree with?
  - b. Do you have any questions?
3. If you are in a Connect Group, who is your leader? If you are on a serving team, who is your leader? Please note that being a team member is a requirement of all Innovation Partners.
4. Are you regularly giving to Innovation Church? We believe that regular, systematic, voluntary giving is important. While the amount you give is between you and God, we do expect our partners to be givers. Do you have any questions or comments about this?
5. Name, address, city, state, zip, email, home phone, cell phone, best method of contact

Once you submit this application, one of our pastors will contact you with any questions or concerns.

If your application is approved, we will send you the partnership covenant.

You and our lead pastor would sign that document.



# INNOVATION CHURCH Statement of Beliefs

- 1. The Bible** - We believe that the Holy Bible is the Word of the living God; and that it was written by holy men in ancient times as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without error. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 2. God** - We believe that there is only one true and living God. He made heaven and earth and all that is in them. He is the beginning and the end of everything and He is Love. He is holy, just and merciful. He is worthy of worship. He is a mysterious trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (1 John 5:7).
- 3. We missed the mark** - We believe that humans were created in the image of God, but that, because of our rebellion against God, we are all sinners and deserve the condemnation of a just and holy God (Genesis 1:27; Rom 5:12).
- 4. But God had a plan** - We believe that, in spite of our rebellion, Jesus Christ died for us: the Just for the unjust. He took our sentence, carried our sins, received our condemnation, died our death, and fully paid our penalty. By simply believing and accepting this gift of love, any one of us, no matter how great our rebellion may have been, may be clean before God and made whole (John 3:16; Titus 2:14).
- 5. He saves us through Grace** - We believe that the salvation of sinners is absolutely because of God's grace. We have no righteousness or goodness of our own by which to approach God (Ephesians 2:8).
- 6. if we repent and accept Him** - We believe that God will receive anyone who comes to Him with sincere repentance, sorrow for their sin, and a whole-hearted acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior (Romans 10:6-10; 1 John 1:9).
- 7. A New Birth?** - We believe that the change that takes place in a person's heart and life when they accept Jesus as their Savior is a very real one. This person is then born again. God gives them a new life and all their old rebellion is forgiven (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20).
- 8. Living life following Christ** - We believe that having been cleaned by accepting Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, it is God's will for us to grow stronger in faith, prayer, love and service every day (2 Corinthians 7:1).
- 9. Lets get DUNKED and never forget** - We believe that water baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, according to Jesus' example and command, is a public sign of the private change going on in our lives (Romans 6:4). We believe in taking communion as a reminder that Jesus' body was broken for us and His blood shed for us (1 Corinthians 11:24-26).
- 10. The Holy Spirit** - We believe that God baptizes His people with the Holy Spirit when they ask for Him. The Holy Spirit gives us power to live for God, to tell other people what He has done for us, and to help one another as He gives us comfort, courage, wisdom and guidance (Acts 1:5, 8; 2:4).
- 11. Living a Spirit Filled Life** - We believe that God's will is for our lives to demonstrate our faith in God. We are learning to be patient, loving, truthful, sincere, and prayerful, not complaining, and always ready to serve other people as God gives us strength (Ephesians 4:30-32; Galatians 5:16, 25).
- 12. The Gifts & Fruit of the Spirit** - We believe that the Holy Spirit gives gifts to the Church: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and interpretation. We believe that the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, humility and moderation, is the evidence of a Spirit-filled life (1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Galatians 5:22-25).
- 13. Moderation** - We believe that Christians should be sober, thoughtful, balanced, forgiving, loyal, upright, humble, self-sacrificing and (in all things) Christ-like (Colossians 3:12, 13; Philippians 4:5).
- 14. He's coming back!** - We believe Jesus will come again, but that no one knows when this will be (Matthew 24:36, 42, 44; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).
- 15. Church Relationship** - We believe that God's plan is for each Christian to identify him/herself with the worldwide Church by being involved with a local congregation (Acts 16:5; Hebrews 10:24).
- 16. Judgement** - We believe that the dead will be resurrected to stand with the living before the judgement seat of God. Wicked people have sentenced themselves to everlasting punishment. Those who have accepted the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ will live eternally (Revelation 20:11-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
- 17. Heaven** - We believe that Heaven is the indescribably glorious habitation of the living God (John 14:2; Revelation 7:15-17).
- 18. Hell** - We believe that hell is a place of darkness and sorrow, far removed from the presence of God. It is a place prepared for the devil and his angels, a place of grief and eternal regret (Matthew 13:41-42; Revelation 10:10, 15).
- 19. Evangelism** - We believe that Jesus told all Christians to share the good news that God is love with everyone they meet (James 5:20; Mark 16:15).
- 20. Tithing & Offerings** - We believe that the method ordained of God to sustain His ministry and the spread of the gospel after His command is through the financial support of God's people (Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2).