



## NewHope Baptist Church

### Membership Application Form

1. Name

2. Phone

3. When did you (or will you) attend a Newcomers Reception?

4. Have you completed a Partnership Action Plan?

If you have not completed a Contact Information Form, please fill one out and attach it to this form.

5. Have you been baptised by full immersion in water?

Yes (Complete Question 5a.)

No (Contact one of the pastors to arrange your baptism.)

5a. If so, at which church and when were you baptised?

Church

Date baptised

6. Are you currently a member of another Baptist or Church of Christ church?

Yes

No

6a. If so, what is the name and address of the church?

Church

Address

Following your membership approval by Church Council, you will be received into membership at the next communion service of your choice.

7. At which worship service would you like to be welcomed into membership?

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# Partnership agreement

**MISSION:** Winning people to Jesus, growing people in Jesus.

**VISION:** Being a Jesus community whatever the cost.

## VALUES:

As we envision ourselves moulded by the Holy Spirit into a genuine Jesus community this is what we see:

**Passion.** We are a dynamic spiritual community. We are vibrant in our prayer life and worship. We expect God to be present and we speak openly of his actions among us. We are excited about God, passionate about life in the Spirit and aflame with love for Jesus.

**Care.** We care for one another deeply and support one another consistently. We speak up for justice and foster active partnerships with those addressing real community needs. We serve joyfully together in the cause of Jesus. We complement one another using our gifts.

**Invitation.** We are enthusiastic about inviting people to share life with us and actively introducing others to Jesus. We are growing numerically and celebrating diversity as many different people come to faith in Jesus.

**Sacrifice.** We are selfless and recklessly abandoned to the mission cause of Jesus locally and worldwide. We are attentive to the places of the world's greatest needs. We give generously and cheerfully. We resource the mission of Jesus fully. Our buildings are a gift to the community, purpose built for the current opportunities of local mission.

**Faith.** We are innovating effective new avenues of ministry and outreach. We are people of bold faith, risk takers, God-trusters, who go forward together daring to believe that God is changing the world through us. We plant churches and partner with other followers of Jesus who share our commitment to his mission.

**Transformation.** We are a movement, not an institution, which is transforming lives and changing culture in Melbourne. We have transformed fear to trust, despair to hope, nominalism to faith and legalistic religion to vibrant intimacy with God. We are transforming the wider secular community to a community that functions on godly principles and values.

## THE JOURNEY (Strategy)

We believe that such a Jesus community can be a reality when each one of us commitments to:

**Intimacy with Jesus.** Foster an intimate and growing relationship with Jesus through prayer, Bible study and openness to the Spirit.

**Authentic Friendships.** Make authentic friendships with pre-Christian people keeping eternity in view.

**Making Connections.** Invite friends to share life with us in the Jesus community and lead them towards faith in Jesus.

Use the stepping stone ministries of the church.

**Worship.** Celebrate in a weekly worship service.

**Small Group.** Join an active small group where the values of the Jesus community are practiced.

**Service.** Discover and use your spiritual gifts to serve in the community and in the church.

**Stewardship.** Become a generous giver and a wise steward of your resources.

As a member of NewHope Baptist Church, I agree to partner with the church in its mission, vision and values, and am committed to the journey as outlined above.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Below this line to be completed by the Pastor sponsoring this membership application use only:

Having conducted a New Comers Class, Journey Group or personal interview with this candidate I am of the opinion that he or she is ready to accept the responsibilities of membership at NewHope Baptist Church. I recommend to Church Council that their application for membership be accepted.

Pastor

Signature

Date

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Office use only: (date and initials)

Received

Published

Approved

Entered

Welcomed