

# Exhibit 1

## Family Membership Commitment Form

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized in water, and being in agreement with The Power Place's vision, values, beliefs and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to join The Power Place Family as a family team member. In so doing, I commit myself to God and to the other family members to do the following...

1. **I will commit myself to the health of my life and of my church family.**
  - ...by my faithfulness to TPP and its vision (Hebrews 10:25)
  - ...by resolving conflict through the process of Matthew 18 (Matt. 18:15-20)
  - ...by living in sexual purity and in personal integrity (Ephesians 4-5)
  
2. **I will seek to grow spiritually and relationally.**
  - ...by investing in a daily time with God (Ephesians 5:15-20)
  - ...by connecting into a small group and/or ministry (Acts 2:42-47)
  - ...by developing a servant's heart (Philippians 2:3-8)
  
3. **I will focus with my church on the mission consistently.**
  - ...by working to actively love people (1 Peter 1:22)
  - ...by participating with efforts to serve, reach out, give and pray (Matthew 28:18-20)
  - ...by working in unity toward the focus of the entire body (Psalm 133)
  
4. **I will support the ministry of The Power Place prayerfully and financially.**
  - ...by praying for its leadership and direction (1 Timothy 2:1-5)
  - ...by bringing tithes and offerings regularly (Malachi 3:6-10)
  - ...by striving to live with a Kingdom-first mentality (Matthew 6:33)

Now, having read the Bylaws of The Power Place, including those dealing with church discipline, conflict resolution and leaders' rights and responsibilities, I wholly agree to be bound by the Bylaws. I commit to submit to the teaching and leadership of the Church, to the

governing of the church according to its Bylaws, to the settlement of disputes by and/or among the members of the church without appeal to any outside civil court, according to Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8 and to follow **A Commitment to Biblical Conflict Resolution** (outlined below), to the Word of God as our final authority, to the church's discipline upon ourselves, and I lovingly assume my responsibility to participate in the discipline of other members, as taught in Scripture.

## **A Commitment to Biblical Conflict Resolution**

As people reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believe that we are called to respond to conflict in a way that is remarkably different from the way the world deals with conflict.<sup>1</sup> We also believe that conflict provides opportunities to glorify God, serve other people, and grow to be like Christ.<sup>2</sup>

Therefore, in response to God's love and in reliance on his grace, we commit ourselves to respond to conflict according to the following principles:

**Glorify God** — Instead of focusing on our own desires or dwelling on what others may do, we will rejoice in the Lord and bring him praise by depending on his forgiveness, wisdom, power, and love, as we seek to faithfully obey his commands and maintain a loving, merciful, and forgiving attitude.<sup>3</sup>

**Get the Log out of Your Eye** — Instead of blaming others for a conflict or resisting correction, we will trust in God's mercy and take responsibility for our own contribution to conflicts—confessing our sins to those we have wronged, asking God to help us change any attitudes and habits that lead to conflict, and seeking to repair any harm we have caused.<sup>4</sup>

**Gently Restore** — Instead of pretending that conflict doesn't exist or talking about others behind their backs, we will overlook minor offenses or we will talk personally and graciously with those whose offenses seem too serious to overlook, seeking to restore them rather than condemn them. When a conflict with a Christian brother or sister cannot be resolved in private, we will ask others in the body of Christ to help us settle the matter in a biblical manner.<sup>5</sup>

**Go and be reconciled** — Instead of accepting premature compromise or allowing relationships to wither, we will actively pursue genuine

peace and reconciliation—forgiving others as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us, and seeking just and mutually beneficial solutions to our differences.<sup>6</sup>

By God's grace, we will apply these principles as a matter of stewardship and we will pray that our service as peacemakers will bring praise to our Lord and lead others to know His infinite love.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Matt. 5:9; Luke 6:27-36; Gal. 5:19-26.

<sup>2</sup> Rom. 8:28-29; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; James 1:2-4.

<sup>3</sup> Ps. 37:1-6; Mark 11:25; John 14:15; Rom. 12:17-21; 1 Cor. 10:31; Phil. 4:2-9; Col. 3:1-4; James 3:17-18; 4:1-3; 1 Peter 2:12.

<sup>4</sup> Prov. 28:13; Matt. 7:3-5; Luke 19:8; Col. 3:5-14; 1 John 1:8-9.

<sup>5</sup> Prov. 19:11; Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 6:1-8; Gal. 6:1-2; Eph. 4:29; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; James 5:9.

<sup>6</sup> Matt. 5:23-24; 6:12; 7:12; Eph. 4:1-3, 32; Phil. 2:3-4.

<sup>7</sup> Matt. 25:14-21; John 13:34-35; Rom. 12:18; 1 Peter 2:19; 4:19.

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**(Signature)**

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**(Print Name)**

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**(Date)**

**Procedure:**

Individuals interested in becoming Family Members must:

1. Attend the Family Membership class
2. Complete a Family Membership Interview with designated leaders/and or staff
3. Sign the Family Membership Commitment

Once these steps have been completed you will be received into The Power Place Family Membership.