

Participant's Vow (2018)

I acknowledge that God the Father has called me in Christ and adopted me into His family at Threads Church through the Holy Spirit. I affirm our mission to help a questioning world become "love God, love others" Christ followers. As part of this family, I make the following commitments:

- I accept God's Story, as it is faithfully recorded in the Bible and summarized in the Apostle's Creed, as the full revelation of the God and Creator of the universe and will seek to understand it and have my life shaped by it.
- I recognize that Jesus Christ is the final and perfect representation of who God is and I commit to walking with my Threads family as a disciple in the way of Jesus, as given direction and definition through our six shared practices:
 - Story-Formed
 - Discipleship
 - Simplicity
 - Mission
 - Community
 - Presence
- I believe that the Holy Spirit unites us into one family, the Body of Christ, and I will help maintain and cultivate a healthy family at Threads by
 - praying for the church, its leaders and its impact on the world.
 - guarding the unity of the family by submitting to Jesus Christ as Lord, the guidance of the elders, and the leadership of staff and volunteer leaders.
 - playing my part in the Body of Christ by offering my resources of time, gifts and finances for God's Kingdom work at Threads.
 - sharing life together with the Threads family through regular participation in worship gatherings and opportunities like missional communities, ministry teams and CPR groups.
 - recognizing each person as a unique and valuable reflection of God and receiving them as a gift.
 - extending hospitality through personal invitation and warm welcome of others into my own home and into the family at Threads
 - acting and speaking with integrity and remaining faithful to any commitments I make.
 - helping to make Threads a safe place even when we disagree by refusing to gossip or receive gossip, committing to speak the truth in love, and pursuing reconciliation in a biblical and God-honoring way (see Matthew 18:15-20).

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Threads' Shared Practices

- **Story-Formed Obedience** - hearing God's voice through the Story, the Spirit's leading and through others and obeying His direction.
- **Simplicity** - gratefully receiving everything we have as a gift and joyfully offering a portion back to God.
- **Community** - sharing life with God, with our Threads family and with the world.
- **Discipleship** - being disciples and making disciples.
- **Mission** - proclaiming and embodying the good news of Jesus Christ wherever we have been sent.
- **Presence** - developing an intimate relationship with God through prayer and acknowledging His presence at all times.

