

What Membership Means to Us, Part 5: United Together as a Local Church

1. United by a Common Faith in the Gospel:

- a. The gospel message is of _____ importance. –*1 Cor 15:1-8; Gal 1:6-10*
- b. The gospel message _____ all of humanity. –*John 3:16-21, 36*
- c. Our union in the gospel _____ all others. –*Matt 12:46-50*

2. United by a Common Baptism:

- a. Water baptism _____ the Spirit's baptism. –*Rom 6:1-11; 1 Cor 12:13*
- b. Serves to _____ one to the local church. –*Acts 2:41; 5:14; 8:9; 1 Tim 6:12*

3. United by a Common Confession of Faith:

- a. We must strive to be of _____ and in full _____. –*Phil 2:1-4*
- b. We must _____ the faith 'once for all delivered'. –*Jude 1:3*

4. United by a Common Gathering and Gifting:

- a. We regularly _____ together as a Church. –*1 Cor 11:18; Heb 10:26*
- b. We use our gifts to _____ and _____ the church. –*Eph 4:11-16*

5. United by a Common Stewardship and Submission:

- a. We are _____ for the body's faithfulness. –*Matt 18: 10-18*
- b. The body is _____ for our faithfulness. –*Heb 3:12-14; 10:24*

6. United by a Common Shepherding and Oversight:

- a. Our leaders _____ our souls as those who will give an _____. –*Heb 13:17; 1 Pet 5:1-3*
- b. We _____ to, and _____, them. –*1 Thes 5:12-13; 1 Tim 5:17*

Membership Affirmations

In joining myself to Martensdale Community Church, I affirm that:

1. I have put my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of my sins (cf. Eph 2:8-10).
2. I have been baptized after coming to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Acts 2:38, 41).
3. I have read, substantively agree with, and will not oppose the MCC Articles of Faith.
4. I will gather with regularly, and use my gifts to serve and edify the body at MCC (cf. Eph 4:11-16).
5. I will participate in the biblical process of lovingly dealing with sin in the body at MCC (cf. Matt 18:15-17).
6. I am willing to follow the shepherding of the leaders at MCC (cf. Heb 13:17).