# Colorado Family Church Membership Class 101

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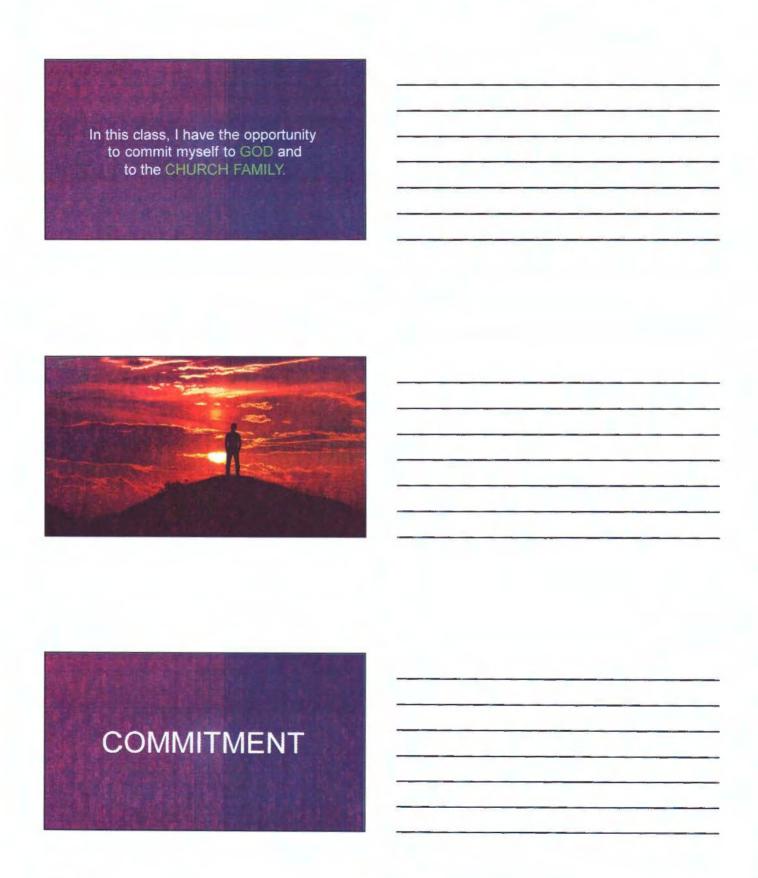


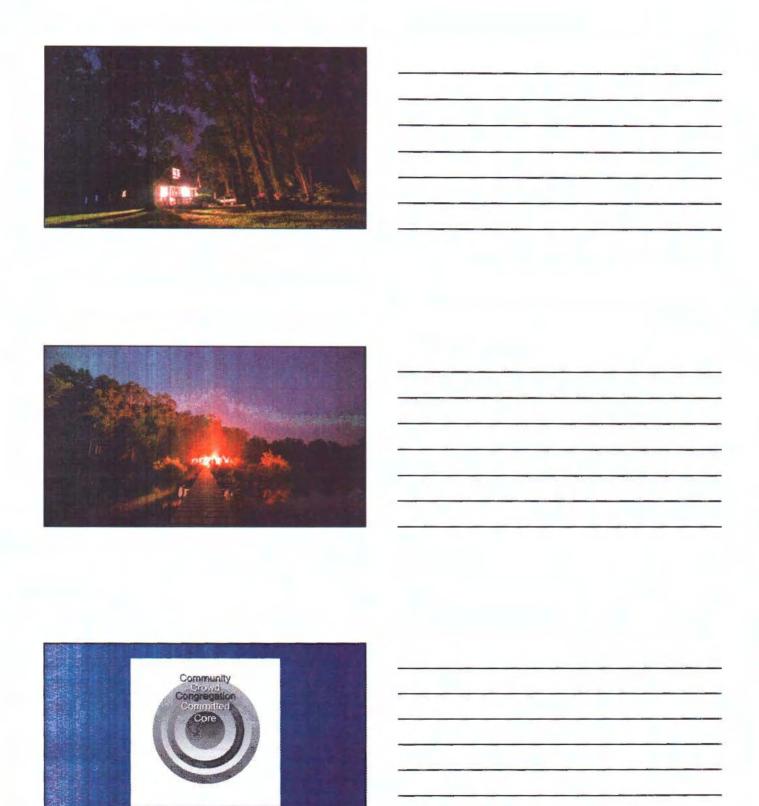
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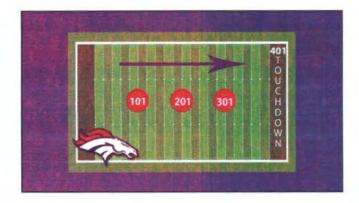
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### The Basics of This Class

- 1. The Church is a FAMILY.
- 2. You belong as a MEMBER of that family.
- Being without a church family is like being a spiritual ORPHAN.







# Purposes of our Church

- ✓ To Celebrate God's Presence & Love
- ✓ To Demonstrate God's Love Through Ministry
- ✓ To Share God's word with others
- ✓ To Assimilate God's people into His family
   ✓ To Educate God's people through discipleship

### Our Strategy

- 1. Open Minded Seekers
- 2. Young Unificationist Families



You should be like one big happy family full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.

1 Peter 3:8

Don't reprimand a senior member of the church. Appeal to him as a father. Treat the young men as brothers and the older women as mothers. Treat the younger women as sisters.

1 Timothy 5:1-2 (Phillips)

Those who are in the leader's position must play the role of servants to the rest of your family. Think of your own parents; they served you all the way. If you fail to do that as a leader, putting yourself in the position of parents, you cannot go on taking the job. But if you are a parent to them, you cannot but have your members increase.

Rev Sun Myung Moon



THE CHURCH IS A BODY

### Why Membership?

- 1. God's Unconditional Commitment to Us
- 2. An Antidote to Society & Culture
- 3. Defines Who Can Be Counted On
- 4. Produces Spiritual Growth

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  By acting in love toward other members

  - ✓ By refusing to gossip✓ By following the leadership

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Romans 14:19 NLT

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Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

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- ✓ By warmly welcoming those who visit

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1 Thessalonians 1:2 NLT

Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

Romans 15:7 NLT

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  By discovering my gifts and talents

  By being equipped to serve by my pastors

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for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Philippians 2:3 NLT

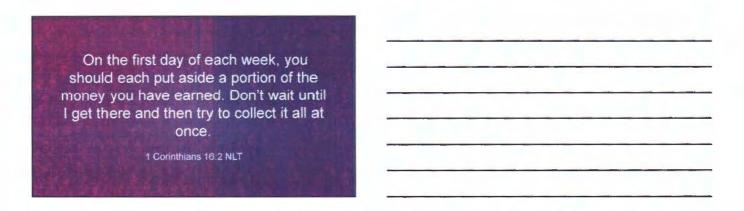
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Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing side by side, fighting together for the faith...

one another.

Hebrews 10:25 NLT

Philippians 1:27 NLT



# The Colorado Family Church Membership Covenant

Having received and understood the basic teachings of the Bible as explained by the Divine Principle, I now feel called to become a part of this church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

### 1. I will protect the unity of my church.

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- "Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing side by side, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News" (Philippians 1:27 NLT).
- "On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once" (1 Corinthians 16:2 NLT).
- "One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy" (Leviticus 27:30 NLT).

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### **Our Vision**

We are a place where people from all walks of life can find love, acceptance, inspiration, guidance, purpose, joy and fulfillment.

We are a church that isn't a "church" but a family, where the experience of community, love, and God's grace abound.

We are every person growing to spiritual maturity through studying God's word, prayer, making devotions, small groups, and taking on a ministry to care for the needs of and give to others.

We are equipping every person for a significant ministry by helping them discover the gifts and talents that God gave them.

We are building God-centered marriages and families that are the dwelling place of God and the cornerstone of a healthy society.

We are sharing, with the people of the Denver area, truth that has been hidden in the Bible until now: God's original purpose of creation, how humanity fell away from God, and our path to returning to God's ideal and dream.

We own a beautiful and modern building that serves as the hub for all of our many family and faith-based activities going on throughout the week.

We are a community that embodies the legacy of living for the sake of others and building the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth, that our founders, Rev. and Mrs. Moon, whom we call the True Parents, have passed on to us.