



## Restoration Hope Church Partnership Application

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At Restoration Hope Church, we call membership, partnership. Partnership within a local church carries both privileges and responsibilities. Partners of the Church are held accountable to the responsibilities of general Christian obligations comprehensively though not exhaustively outlined within the Church's Partnership Commitment. These responsibilities include praying for and pursuing both corporate health and individual holiness.

Jesus asked the Father to unify his followers so that "the world may believe that you sent me" (Jn.17:21). The apostle Paul pleaded with the church to have "the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind" (Phil.2:2). In pursuit of such unity, we will ask members of RHC to agree on a few significant points: 1) Belief in Jesus, 2) agreement on various theological/biblical positions, and 3) commitment to life together according to our Church Covenant.

The following questions are intended to help RHC leadership identify agreement with these points. Answering them will be the **first step** toward partnership with RHC. For your **second step**, we ask that you sit for a partnership interview with our pastor.

Thank you for taking time to step through the process to partnership with us! Please submit this completed form directly to Allie Andersen on an upcoming Sunday morning. You can also email to [allie@restorationhopechurch.com](mailto:allie@restorationhopechurch.com). After receiving your application, you will be contacted by the pastor for an interview.<sup>1</sup>

### Contact Information

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spous'e name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Children living at home:

Name/age: \_\_\_\_\_ Name/age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/age: \_\_\_\_\_ Name/age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/age: \_\_\_\_\_ Name/age: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> As a part of your interview, there may be a member or two participating to aid in the interview.

## Questions

1. The Bible promises: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).  
Do you so believe in the Lord Jesus? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Please briefly explain what you mean by this profession of faith. What does it mean that you "believe in" Jesus? What does it mean that you are "saved"? How is this reflected in your life?

2. The Bible poses the question in light of saving belief in Jesus: "What shall we do?" The Bible's direction is: "Repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38).

Have you been baptized since, or, in response to saving belief in Jesus? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If you have not been baptized since believing in Jesus, please explain why:

3. Are you in substantial agreement with the positions and commitments espoused in the following documents, having no settled convictions to the contrary?<sup>2</sup>

RHC Congregational Affirmation of Faith? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

RHC Church Covenant (including our Relational Commitments)? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

4. \*Have you read the RHC Elder Affirmation of Faith? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

[\*Note: You do not need to agree with all parts of the Elder Affirmation of Faith (EAF) to become a partner of RHC. However, the applicant should understand that RHC leadership joyfully holds to the EAF, and all of the leadership's teaching, preaching, discipleship, and counsel will accord with positions held in the EAF.]

5. Have you spoken with Pastor Josh and do you feel like you have had all your questions answered about RHC? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

We want you to be familiar with the kind of church God is calling RHC to be because, by being a member, you are saying you are participating in the values, mission, and vision of the church.

If you have not had your questions answered, please write some of those down now. We look forward to discussing these with you.

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<sup>2</sup> These documents, including the Elder Affirmation of Faith, may be found on the RHC website at <https://restorationhopechurch.com/home/member-documents/>

6. For how long have you been involved with RHC?

7. Please share why you would like to join RHC partnership? (Try to write this as if you're talking to a non-Christian.)