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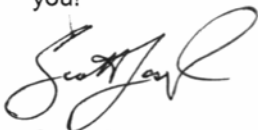
I am writing to invite all of our current members to reaffirm your membership at High Rock Church. After years of needing to complete a specific statement of our Bible beliefs for the network of churches to which we belong, we now have one that has been approved and adopted by the Network Leadership Team and the individual boards of each church. It is very important to us that our members have been well instructed in the clear, Christian beliefs of the Bible and that we hold to them in unity together. We do the High Rock Series and the Membership Bible Training to help in disciple making and member preparation. When you make a commitment to membership, we want you to be able to affirm these Bible truths as stated in our Affirmation of Bible Beliefs. This is important to our unity as members of the church and for our effectiveness in making authentic disciples for Jesus as we continue to add new members to the church.

We have also made a few updates to our Bylaws. The Bylaws are the operating papers for the church and every member agrees to be led by our pastors and overseers in accordance with these Bylaws. The two significant changes include a Biblical definition of marriage and of membership in a church. Given the current cultural atmosphere surrounding marriage, it has become increasingly clear that we must define these issues for our members.

If you want to continue as a member of High Rock Church, this is what you do:

1. Read the Bylaws (Affirmation of Bible Beliefs and Values are in "Article I"). Some sections include complicated language that may feel confusing (such as Article II...but these are mandated by the IRS for all not-for-profit organizations).
2. Ask any questions that you have of your Discipleship Community pastor.
3. Complete and sign the updated Membership Form, affirming your agreement.
4. Mail the form back to High Rock by March 1<sup>st</sup> in the envelope included.
5. If you cannot hold to the Bible beliefs as stated or to the rest of the Bylaws and do not intend to continue as a member, please let us know.

I love what Jesus has called us to and I love the unity and joy that Jesus has given us to serve him together. I trust that the strengthening of our membership will increase our effectiveness in the coming years. So thankful for you!



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