



# SUNDANCE

## *United Methodist Church*

W Y O M I N G

Your desire to join most any United Methodist Church will include a public affirmation of “yes” to the following five questions:

**1. Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sins?**

What this means for members: *We recognize, in the words of Paul, that all people have “sinned and fallen short of the glory of God...” (Romans 3:23). And we know that, “God proves his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8). As forgiven people, and because of God’s saving actions for us, we are invited to respond to grace with our spiritual gifts. We acknowledge that we have an active role in introducing the kingdom of God “on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10).)*

**2. Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?**

What this means for members: *We are cast members in the great drama of the gospel – the good news of Jesus Christ! Through our faith in Jesus Christ we are gifted by the Holy Spirit and called into the “priesthood of all believers” to take our place to live free from sin and empowered to reach out to others; we are to relieve suffering and offer justice and peace whenever possible.*

**3. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?**

What this means for members: *The United Methodist Church holds a value of opening hearts, minds, and doors to all people regardless of their labels. It is a great privilege to*

*offer Christ, without limitations, to all who wish to develop a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. If this is not a commitment you have made in the past, you are invited to silently pray, “God, I believe in you and in your Son, Jesus Christ. I invite you into my heart and my life today. I ask you to forgive my sins; save me from my past; use my life for your purposes, and secure a place for me eternally with you. Thank you for all you have done for me. By your Holy Spirit, guide my steps to live in response to your great love for me. From this day forward, I choose to follow you. Amen.”*

**4. According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ’s holy church and serve as Christ’s representatives in the world?**

What this means for members: *This life-long commitment means we acknowledge God’s claim on our lives. Our commitment to our spiritual journey may begin at FUMC-Fountain, or it may be a stepping-stone along our path. Either way, we belong to Christ. And no matter where we practice our faith, we commit to doing so consistently, faithfully, whole-heartedly.*

**5. As members of Christ’s universal church, the United Methodist Church, and First United Methodist Church-Fountain, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, presence, gifts, finances, service, and witness?**

What this means for members: *These five historic vows are participatory in nature. It is our desire to offer companionship along your spiritual journey and to assist your faith development in whatever ways will be most meaningful for you. Our commitment is to build up the body of Christ and strengthen the church with mature Christian disciples. We also have an obligation to send out followers of Jesus Christ who are prepared to share their faith through their example. Together we practice our faith – knowing we will never attain perfection – but knowing we are accountable for becoming fully alive followers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*Your participation in the following five areas is an outward sign of an inward grace. Help us know of your commitments as you are received into membership at FUMC Fountain.*

I/we will commit to being in **prayer**:

\_\_\_ Yes, for all things in my/our life; including FUMC Fountain

I/we will commit to faithfully attending worship (**presence**):

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Whenever it is convenient in my/our schedule

I/we will commit to giving of my/our treasures (gifts) to support the General Fund of First United Methodist Church in Fountain:

☐ Yes

☐ I/We will pray about my/our financial commitment

I/we will commit to **serving** my/our Lord:

☐ I/we will volunteer time as opportunity presents itself.

☐ I/we will serve only when asked to do so

I/we will commit to offering **witness** to my/our faith:

☐ I/we will grow in my faith so I have confidence to share it

☐ I/we will as opportunity presents itself.

*Signature and Date:*

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