



Covenant Partnership Information

WELCOME!

If you are a recent or return visitor to one of our church family gatherings, whether face to face OR online, we just want you to know that here at Corrimal Community Church you are always welcome to continue relating with us at whatever level of relationship is beneficial to you in your circumstances – no questions asked.

We exist to serve our community by providing a safe space for you to engage with God and with a faith community as little or as much as you need. We will encourage you and seek God's blessing for you and yours, but we believe it is completely up to you if and or when you decide that you might like to explore a deeper relationship with us. Just as Jesus invited people to journey with Him and didn't chase them down the road if they decided not to, so it is that this leaflet is designed to provide you with helpful information (with no obligation attached), about how you can progress, from being a welcome visitor or guest of our church family, towards a deeper more engaged relationship; like a team member, 'sharing the responsibility' for the mission God has asked us to commit to together.

To promote, encourage and develop this deeper level of relational commitment, we created what we refer to as 'Covenant Partnership'.

AN INTRODUCTION TO WHAT WE BELIEVE



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Corrimal Community Church exists to get better together at declaring, representing, and demonstrating the kingdom of heaven ON earth, right where we are. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit exist as a mission community, each playing their part. When the Son, Jesus Christ was SENT into the world, it was to show us what the kingdom of heaven looks like ON earth and to empower us to live out more of that every day (Matthew 6: 9-14). Jesus said, “I will build my church” (Matthew 16:13-28). He invited us to put our self-focus aside and follow Him, learn from Him, and submit to Him.

From what we can discern, the church that Jesus builds should be a mission community just like heaven. God sent Jesus, Jesus sends us, and we (IN Christ), send each other into the world (John 17), so that those we engage with in the communities where we live, work and play, might have the same opportunity to be rescued and brought back to God (redeemed) as you and I have been given (2 Corinthians 5: 11- 6:13).

The primary focus of our Covenant Partnership therefore is to encourage the development of relationships that start with Jesus and keep aligning with the standard of Jesus.

We are in this TOGETHER, so we also choose to be transparent in our dealings with the community IN the world in which we live. We commit to this as best we can, neither for our own promotion nor any minimum community expectations; but to ensure that Jesus is glorified and that we remain aligned with the kingdom of heaven for the sake of Father God’s primary purpose being completed in the spheres of our everyday existence. (John 17; 1 Corinthians 9; Titus)



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Corrimal Community Church is currently affiliated with the Baptist Churches Association NSW/ACT and as such we agree with the following summary of the Baptist Union Doctrinal Statement (1919), affirmed by the Association in 2003. That is ...

- The nature and unity of the Godhead – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- The deity and humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the second person of the trinity who is the Son of God
- The Holy Spirit, who is the third person of the trinity, eternally one with the Father and Son yet sent by them to achieve the Divine purpose in the world and in the Church
- The divine inspiration and authority of the Scriptures
- The sinfulness of humans
- Christ's atonement indeed indemnity for the sin of humans
- The work of the Holy Spirit in salvation and sanctification i.e., being set apart for the purpose it was originally designed for
- The Church, the Body of Christ in the world
- The baptism of believers only, and by immersion
- The communion that celebrates Christ, remembering Him until He comes
- The imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ
- The resurrection of the dead
- Rewards and punishments in a future state

READ ON FOR A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE COMMITMENTS THAT OUR 'COVENANT PARTNERSHIP' REPRESENTS

(For more info., see the 'How Do I Become a Covenant Partner Steps' that follow this)



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- Seek to live a life submitted to the authority of scripture with the purpose of looking more and more like Jesus and encouraging others on a similar journey. (Acts 1:2; 2:42-47; Colossians 1:28).
- Be primarily committed to the mission we've been called to together AND in relationship with at least one of our 'HOPE Communities'. (Includes our regular, general church gatherings)
- Share the responsibility for what God is calling us to be and do as a church, bringing personal spiritual strengths and gifts AND looking for the same in others, to serve this body and through these together and as ONE, advance the kingdom.
- Practice right-relatedness with God and others.
- Support the ministry of Corrimal Community Church and promote and serve our ministry and mission as you become more aware, and more understanding of it.
- Trust and follow the mutually appointed leadership of our church and supportively work with them to consistently seek the Holy Spirit's guidance for leading the church, aligning us to God's primary kingdom purpose, equipping the saints for the ministry, caring for and shepherding the people well and stewarding her resources with integrity.
- Abide by ALL compliance policies and procedures (including Codes of Conduct) as they are activated in and through the life and work of our church family. Our policies are biblically based and seek to express freedom of faith in the context of our responsibilities to the wider community, its genuine governing principles, and instruments.



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HOW DO I BECOME A COVENANT PARTNER?

Step 1. Read this introductory information comprehensively and pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit as to when and or if, you decide to proceed. We are a body that seeks to operate through the biblically founded, kingdom counterculture traits of mutual accountability, voluntary submission, interdependent co-operation, and relational autonomy. This is a supernatural quest. We know we will need impartation from heaven to pursue this faithfully, vulnerably, safely, and together. Prayer-peration is our resting pulse.

Step 2. This is a serious commitment, so, if you believe that you should become a 'Covenant Partner, please fill in the 'Expression of Interest' (EOI) form. If there isn't an EOI inserted in THIS printout, they are available in hard copy from the facilitator of your 'HOPE Community' OR at the Church HUB Reception OR can be downloaded with the introductory information on the FAQ page on our website. Filling out the form is not an arduous task but please don't hesitate to ask for assistance with any question you have about the form or its content. Once completed, please either hand it to your 'HOPE Community' facilitator, OR a Host at the Church Hub Reception, OR scan email it to secretary@corrimalcommunitychurch.com.au OR send it to The Secretary, Corrimal Community Church, PO Box 4133 TOWRADGI NSW 2518



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Step 3. Once your EOI has been processed, you will be invited to an orientation opportunity that can be engaged flexibly and conveniently as per your life circumstances.

We provide these 'Discover Corrimal Community Church', opportunities a few times a year in various modes for easy accessibility. If one or a small number of EOI's at any given time, we will organize a chat with someone appropriate appointed by the Senior Ministry Group, who will establish a process for you. If a reasonable number of EOI's at any given time, we will offer the following

- ✓ A single orientation gathering (SOG) organized at an appropriate and convenient time for those exploring Covenant Partnership, so we can all meet each other and ensure we are covering any genuine questions through the process.
- ✓ An Optional Study Guide is issued at an SOG so that you can pursue its contents face to face with an appointed reference person OR via the official PODCAST. It provides the content for a Certificate of Attainment in 'The HOPE Project Revelation'.
- ✓ We have produced this so that you can use it as a foundation for further training in Christian Ministry and Theology with our mission distinctives if you decide to explore a servant leadership function with CCC and or beyond. We don't believe in wasting people's efforts or re-inventing wheels.

All modes of orientation provide the following: -

- A reflection on 'Covenant Partnership' as a deeper journey together with maturing fellow workers IN Christ, sharing the responsibility for the kingdom advancing task.



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- A brief history of our church, particularly focusing on how we arrived at who we are now.
- A deeper look at our beliefs, vision, practices, policies & procedures and what has shaped and continues to shape what's important to us.
- An opportunity to explore ways to connect, serve, equip, and be equipped as part of a team serving the cause as well as a clear process for exiting the covenant if desired.
- Other helpful insights as are considered relevant at the time.
- An opportunity to sign up if that remains something you believe the Holy Spirit is leading you to do.

Step 4. If you sign up to be a Covenant Partner during or after this 'Discover Corrimal Community Church' process, the leadership team will work with you to find a suitable person to function as your first contact for anything you need whilst being a Covenant Partner. That person maybe the reference person you've already been connected to, a facilitator of a 'HOPE Community' you are a part of, OR a person who is a CCC Covenant Partner that you already have a relationship with. So, our desire then, is that this person will firstly be someone YOU are happy with, because they will be like your relationship facilitator and will ensure that you are positioned to experience all the blessing and encouragement that accompanies connection, involvement, engagement, and service.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



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We want to celebrate our partnership with you as much as possible and that includes making sure you have outlets and opportunities for input and for expression of faith and service. We want to ensure as much as is possible that you are feeling engaged and valued.

If you sign up to be a Covenant Partner, you will receive a Certificate of Acknowledgement as a keepsake and a reminder of the process. If you complete the assessment schedule for the certificate course, you will, in addition, receive a 'Certificate of Attainment in the 'Heaven On Planet Earth (HOPE) Project Revelation' and as such, credit points for further study towards our college's training package awards in Christian Ministry and Theology. You will also receive an official copy of your signed 'Covenant Partnership' agreement.

Some of you 'might' even like to celebrate your partnership at your 'HOPE Community', or perhaps you'd be comfortable to celebrate via a brief ceremony with other 'covenant partners' in a wider church family gathering. This is an optional extra and we can facilitate that if it's appropriate for your circumstances.

Covenant Partnership with Corrimal Community Church is a statement of agreement with, and excitement about, our vision and mission in this world. It is a way of stating unequivocally "I am on board! I'm with you! I'm all in!"

We are so excited that you are considering journeying with us in this way, and we can't wait to see how God uses you with us and in our context as we play our part in advancing God's kingdom ON earth as it IS in heaven!



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This is an 'Expression of Interest (EOI) Form, to be filled in and submitted by you in response to Steps 1 and 2 outlined in the introductory leaflet about Covenant Partnership. ONLY a submitted EOI gives us permission to invite you to an orientation option.

First Name(s):

Family Name:

Best Email Address:

Mobile Phone:

Residential Address (including post code):

Postal Address (if not same as above):

Date of Birth: (DD/MM/YYYY)

(optional)

This section overleaf is OPTIONAL, but we'd appreciate your answers if you don't feel it is asking too much of you. Your answers to these optional questions will help us, help you, make the most effective connections with Corrimal Community Church. Thank you!



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OPTIONAL EXTRA INFORMATION

**To what community(ies) of faith/mission do you currently belong if any?
(CCC/Other or N/A)**

Please list where you belonged/attended (if you did) during the last 5 years? (CCC/Other or N/A)

Having read the Covenant Partnership introductory information, including the summary of what we believe, would you consider your beliefs to be reasonably compatible with us? (Please add any clarifying details as needed)

If we described your faith journey to this point in time as a number line from minus ten to plus ten, and somewhere between minus five to zero being where you made some sort of decision to follow Jesus and relate with Him more closely, where might you mark the number line below to describe how you see your current daily experience of faith?

(NB: There is no judgement here, just a desire to provide the best possible resources for your circumstances – we’re ALL on a journey and only senior leaders will see this)

-10 ←----- -5----- 0 ----- +5 -----→ +10

If you can, tell us briefly why you marked the number line where you did.