



# **MEMBERSHIP 101: WELCOME TO METANOYA!**

## **WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP**

### **A Letter from Pastor Jubal García**

I want to take a moment to personally welcome you to the Metanoya Membership Course and to tell you how proud I am of you.

You didn't have to be here. But you made a decision. A decision to grow, to commit, and to go deeper in your walk with God. That says a lot about you and I believe it says even more about what God is doing in you.

As your pastor, I want you to know this: you are not just attending a church, you are becoming part of a family. We're not perfect, but we're real. We cry together, celebrate together, pray together, and grow together. And my heart is to see you thrive: spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and in every area of your life.

This Membership Course is more than just information. It's a journey of discovering who we are, what we believe, and how God has uniquely designed you to play a powerful role in His Kingdom. You'll learn about the heart of our house, what we value, and how we serve together with purpose.

My hope is that as you go through these sessions, God will stir something fresh in you. That you won't just learn but that you'll belong. That you'll see this house as your house. That you'll stop sitting on the sidelines and step fully into the calling God has for your life.

I want you to know you matter. You're needed. And I believe with all my heart that your best days are still ahead.

Let's take this journey together.

Anticipating Great Things,



**Pastor Jubal García**

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*Ephesians 2:19 (NLT): “So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family.”*

1. THE CHURCH IS A \_\_\_\_\_.

▶ *Ephesians 2:19 (NLT): “You are members of God’s family.”*

2. GOD WANTS ME TO BE A \_\_\_\_\_

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▶ *Ephesians 2:19 (NLT): “You are members of God’s family.”*

3. A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT A CHURCH FAMILY IS LIKE

AN \_\_\_\_\_.

▶ *Ephesians 2:19 (NLT): “you are no longer strangers and foreigners...”*



**Goal:**

**I will commit myself to Jesus Christ and the Metanoya Church family.**

## How Metanoya Church Began

Metanoya Church started as a rehabilitation ministry called Outcry in the Barrio.

Our founders, Pastor Freddie and Ninfa Garcia were once trapped in addiction to drugs and alcohol. In 1966, they experienced a life-changing transformation through Jesus Christ in Los Angeles, California.

After their salvation, they returned to San Antonio to share Jesus' saving power with others struggling like they had been. In 1970, they opened their home to anyone seeking freedom from addiction.

As lives were transformed, Pastor Freddie encouraged individuals to connect with local churches, but many weren't open to welcoming former addicts. In response, Pastor Freddie and Ninfa started Metanoya Church on Mother's Day in 1973, a place where anyone could belong, grow, and serve in God's Kingdom.

In 2004, when Pastor Freddie retired, the global board of directors chose Pastor Jubal Garcia to lead the ministry.

### **Since then, God has done amazing things:**

- ▶ Outcry in the Barrio built a brand-new recovery home to help people break free from addiction.
- ▶ Metanoya Church in San Antonio grew bigger and stronger.
- ▶ The ministry spread around the world with Outcry Homes and Metanoya Churches in more than eight countries!

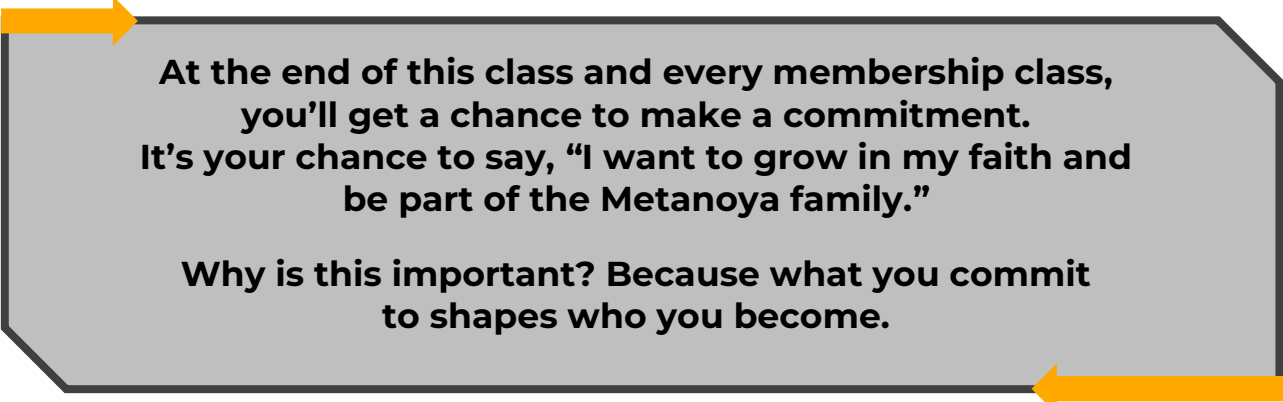
**Our Mission is still the same:** To reach people who are lost and bring them hope through Jesus Christ!

**Our Message is simple:** There is hope and His name is Jesus. No one is too far gone. He can set anyone free.

## 1. THE METANOYA CHURCH MISSION

Every church has a plan. Ours is simple: **Metanoya is a church for people who are \_\_\_\_\_.**

***Luke 19:10 (NLT): “For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”***



**At the end of this class and every membership class, you'll get a chance to make a commitment. It's your chance to say, “I want to grow in my faith and be part of the Metanoya family.”**

**Why is this important? Because what you commit to shapes who you become.**

Every church needs a structure, or a way it's set up. Metanoya is no exception. Please go to the next section entitled: The Metanoya Structure.

## 2. THE METANOYA STRUCTURE

***1 Corinthians 14:33, 40 (NLT): “For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace... Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”***

**A. METANOYA CHURCH IS A \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ▶ Community means: Encouraging one another, and helping each other stay strong in following Jesus together.

**B. METANOYA CHURCH IS A \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ▶ ***Romans 12:4–5 (NLT): “We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.”***
- ▶ At Metanoya, church isn’t just about attending, it’s about being part of the body of Christ and finding your place to serve God.

**C. METANOYA CHURCH IS A \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ▶ What’s a flock? A flock is a group of sheep cared for by a shepherd.
- ▶ ***John 21:15 (NLT): “After breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ Peter replied, ‘You know I love you.’ ‘Then take care of my sheep,’ Jesus told him.”***

God designed the church to be a community, a body, and a flock each picture showing how we’re meant to be connected, cared for, and growing together.

At Metanoya, you’re not just attending a service, you’re part of something bigger. You belong here. And together, we’re stronger.

## 3. THE METANOYA CHURCH STATEMENTS

### Our Statement of Purpose

#### 1. WE CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE: \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ Our goal is to help people know Jesus personally.

#### 2. WE KNOW GOD'S FAMILY: \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ Fellowship means building real relationships where people feel connected and loved.

#### 3. WE EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE: \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ Discipleship is growing to become more like Jesus. It starts at salvation and continues as we learn and live out God's Word.

#### 4. WE DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE: \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ Ministry means serving others with love; using your time, gifts, and resources to meet real needs in the church and community.

#### 5. WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS: \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ ***Romans 10:13–14 (NLT): "How can they believe if they've never heard? And how can they hear unless someone tells them?"***

- ▶ Evangelism means sharing the Good News that Jesus saves, heals, and gives new life.

## What We Believe

At Metanoya, we believe in the core truths of God's Word; truths that shape how we live. Let's talk about what our church believes:

### 1. WE BELIEVE IN \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe there is one true God who created everything, sustains everything, and rules over all. God is one, but He exists in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; equal and united as one God (Matthew 28:19).
- ▶ We believe that God is eternal: He has no beginning or end (Psalm 90:2), all-powerful: Nothing is too hard for Him (Jeremiah 32:17), He is all-knowing: His understanding is beyond comprehension (Psalm 147:5), and present everywhere: There is nowhere we can go to escape His presence (Psalm 139:7-10).
- ▶ This is the God we worship: Eternal, sovereign, and always with us.

### 2. WE BELIEVE IN \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe that Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully man. He wasn't just a good teacher or prophet, He is God in human form, sent to save us.
- ▶ Jesus has always existed and is one with the Father (John 1:1). He became fully human, lived a sinless life, and understands everything we go through (Hebrews 4:15).



- ▶ He was born to a virgin named Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit, fulfilling prophecy and proving He was sent by God (Matthew 1:23).
- ▶ Jesus came to rescue us from sin. We couldn't save ourselves, so He died in our place (Romans 5:8). He rose from the dead three days later, proving His power over sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- ▶ Today, Jesus is alive and seated at the right hand of God. One day, He will return to establish His Kingdom forever. His life, death, and resurrection are the foundation of our faith and our only hope for salvation.

### **3. WE BELIEVE IN THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe the Holy Spirit is a person, not a force, and He is fully God, equal with the Father and the Son.
- ▶ He lives in every believer (1 Corinthians 6:19), guides us into truth (John 16:13), and gives us the power to live for God and boldly share our faith (Acts 1:8).
- ▶ The Holy Spirit is active in the world today and is essential to living the Christian life (Galatians 5:25).

### **4. WE BELIEVE IN GOD'S DESIGN FOR \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe every person was created in the image of God: Intentionally, purposefully, and with great value (Genesis 1:27).
- ▶ Being made in God's image means we were created with a human spirit to connect with God, the free will to make real choices, the ability to think and create, and the capacity for relationships.

- ▶ We are not accidents, we were made by God and for God, and we believe every person was designed for a personal relationship with Him.

## **5. WE BELIEVE \_\_\_\_\_ BROKE THE WORLD.**

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe that sin is the reason the world is broken. Sin entered through Adam and Eve's disobedience and has affected every person since (Romans 5:12).
- ▶ Sin is not just making mistakes; it is rebellion against God and breaks our relationship with Him (1 John 3:4).
- ▶ Because of sin, we are born with a sinful nature and naturally lean toward disobedience. Sin separates us from God and brings pain, death, and spiritual separation (Romans 7:18-20).

## **6. WE BELIEVE \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe salvation is God's greatest gift; it can't be earned, only received by grace through faith in Jesus (John 3:16).
- ▶ Salvation means being rescued from sin, made right with God, and given eternal life. To receive it, we must first recognize our need for a Savior (Romans 3:23), put our trust in Jesus; believing He died and rose from the dead (Romans 10:9), and receive God's grace by faith (Ephesians 2:8).
- ▶ When we are born again, we are forgiven, made new, filled with the Holy Spirit, and promised eternal life. Salvation is not the end, it's the beginning of a new life with Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17).

## 7. WE BELIEVE IN \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe the church is not a building, it's a community of people who follow Jesus. The Bible calls the church the Body of Christ, where every believer has a role, and Jesus is the head (1 Corinthians 12:12–13).
- ▶ The church is also the family of God, made up of people from every background who belong to Him (Ephesians 2:19).
- ▶ The church exists to carry out God's mission: to worship together, grow in faith, serve one another, share the Good News of Jesus, and support each other through every season of life (Acts 2:42–47).

## 8. WE BELIEVE IN THE \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe in the Rapture; a future moment when Jesus will return to take all believers, both living and dead, to be with Him forever (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).
- ▶ It will happen suddenly and supernaturally, as believers are caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Dead believers will rise first, and living believers will be instantly transformed. We will be united with Jesus in heaven before judgment comes to the earth.
- ▶ The Rapture is not something to fear; it's our blessed hope (Titus 2:13). Until that day, we stay watchful, live faithfully, and share the Gospel with others.

## 9. WE BELIEVE IN THE \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe Jesus is coming back again; this time not as a humble servant, but as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This event, called the Second Coming, will be public, powerful, and seen by the whole world (Revelation 1:7; Matthew 24:30; Revelation 19:11–16).
- ▶ It is different from the Rapture, when Jesus comes for His church. At the Second Coming, Jesus returns with His church to defeat evil and establish His kingdom on earth. He will bring justice, rule with righteousness, and reign forever.

## 10. WE BELIEVE IN \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe Heaven is a real place where God dwells and where all who trust in Jesus will live forever (Revelation 21:4).
- ▶ It is a place of joy, peace, rest, reward, and reunion with other believers. Heaven cannot be earned through good works; it is a gift received by faith in Jesus Christ, the only way to the Father (John 14:6).
- ▶ We believe Heaven is the blessed hope of every believer; the final and forever home for those who follow Jesus.

## Our Lifestyle Statement

At Metanoya, we believe following Jesus isn't just about believing the right things, it's about living them out.

The Bible calls us to live differently from the unsaved world and reflect God's love, truth, and holiness in everything we do (Romans 12:2).  
Here's what that looks like in everyday life...

## 1. THE BIBLE IS OUR \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ **2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT): “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives...”**
- ▶ We believe the Bible is completely trustworthy, and the ultimate guide for life.

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.

- ▶ **Colossians 1:18 (NLT): “Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.”**
- ▶ Jesus is the head of the church, and our pastors serve under His authority.

## 3. EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ **1 Peter 2:9 (NLT): “But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God...”**
- ▶ We believe every believer has direct access to God through Jesus. You don’t need a title to pray, serve, or witness, you’re already a minister.

## 4. EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ **Matthew 28:19 (NLT): “Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”**

- ▶ Baptism is how we publicly show our faith in Jesus and celebrate our new life in Him.

## 5. WE LIVE BY THE POWER OF THE \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ ***John 15:5 (NLT) - “Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me, you can do nothing.”***
- ▶ Following Jesus means letting the Holy Spirit guide your life (John 15:5). He leads us into truth (John 16:13), grows godly character in us (Galatians 5:22–23), and gives us power to live for God (Acts 1:8).

**Now that we’ve talked about our purpose, our beliefs, and how we live for Jesus, please turn to the final section in your workbook called “What Is Expected of Me as a Church Member”.**

**This is the last part of tonight’s session, and we’re so glad you made it here. Let’s finish strong, excited for what God is going to do through your life and your place in this church family!**

## What is Expected of Me as a Church Member?

At Metanoya, we ask our members to do what the Bible teaches all Christians to do. By joining Metanoya Church, you’re committing to the following:

### 1. I WILL \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ We protect unity by loving others, avoiding gossip, and respecting our Pastors/Leaders.

- ▶ Loving others means being patient, forgiving, and encouraging, just like Jesus (Romans 14:19).
- ▶ We avoid gossip by speaking words that build up, not tear down (Ephesians 4:29).
- ▶ We respect our Pastors by praying for them and supporting their leadership (Hebrews 13:17).

**2. I WILL \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ▶ As members, we pray for growth, invite others, and welcome every guest with love.
- ▶ Please pray daily for Metanoya to grow in faith, love, and impact (Ephesians 6:18).
- ▶ Invite people who don't know Jesus; your story could change their life (Luke 14:23).
- ▶ Help us welcome guests like family with a smile, a kind word, and a warm heart (Romans 15:7).

**3. I WILL \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ▶ God gave you unique gifts to make a difference. When you serve, you live out your purpose (1 Peter 4:10).
- ▶ Our pastors are here to equip and train you so you can serve with confidence and impact (Ephesians 4:12).
- ▶ Like Jesus, we lead by serving, not with pride, but with humility and love (Mark 10:45).

#### 4. I WILL \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ Faithful attendance helps you grow spiritually and stay connected to God's family (Hebrews 10:25).
- ▶ Living by God's Word shows your faith in action (James 1:22).
- ▶ Tithing funds the mission of the church and honors God as your provider (Proverbs 3:9).





## **METANOYA CHURCH** **MEMBERSHIP 101 COMMITMENT**

To become a member of Metanoya Church, complete all four steps below. Fill out the information and turn in your commitment.

### **1. My Commitment to Christ.**

- ▶ Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for salvation?  
☐ Yes (Write when and where: \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ No, please talk to our team after class so we can lead you to Christ.

### **2. Baptism by Immersion.**

- ▶ Have you been baptized by immersion (underwater) after committing your life to Christ?  
☐ Yes (Write when and where: \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ No, I need to be baptized (We'll help you book a baptism date!).

### **3. Completion of Membership 101.**

- ▶ Have you completed Membership 101: Welcome To Metanoya?  
☐ Yes (Enter today's date: \_\_\_\_\_)

#### 4. The Membership 101 Commitment.

► Do you desire to live by the Metanoya Membership Commitment?

☐ Yes (Sign and date below)

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_