



NEW IMAGE
CHURCH

Covenant Partnership Packet

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Thank you for the opportunity to share how you can become part of one of the greatest ministry teams on Earth. New Image Church is a diverse congregation of various race, gender and social statuses and through our diversity we intend to reach our communities for the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is our goal to minister to each person on his or her level and truly disciple people in the knowledge of God. Provided in this information packet you will learn how to become a Covenant Partner and what will be expected from you upon joining.

Covenant Partnership is one benchmark the leadership can use to determine whether we are accomplishing the church's mission of connecting people to God, one another, and our world.

Followers of Jesus Christ in the New Testament and throughout 2000 years of church history clearly identified themselves with a specific local group of believers and were challenged to become committed participants. Our desire at New Image Church is to follow that biblical and historical precedent, and Covenant Partnership is our approach of doing that.

Covenant Partnership is an agreement between two people or two groups that involves promises on the part of each to the other. The concept of covenant between God and His people is one of the most important theological truths of the Bible. By making a covenant with Abraham, God promised to bless Abraham's descendants and to make them His special people. Abraham in return, was to remain faithful to God and to serve as a channel through which God's blessings could flow to the rest of the world. (Genesis 2:1-3)

As a Covenant Partner, you share in the anointing on Pastor Eric Branch's life as he keeps you under his Spiritual Covering by praying for you, and your loved ones, and your needs on a daily basis. Your part as a Covenant Partner is to be committed to the mission, vision and values of New Image Church and actively involved in fulfilling them.

We are excited that you have considered becoming a Covenant Partner at New Image Church. May the Lord lead you in your decision.



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Government and Structure

New Image Church is unique in many ways. Our structure for ministry is biblical and strategic. The next few paragraphs will explain in a concise manner the structure you can expect at New Image Church.

The leader of the church is the Lord Jesus Christ. At New Image Church we acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the owner of the church and the Holy Spirit governs here on Earth. However, God has given us a plan, a blueprint for the spiritual structure and operation of His church. New Image Church functions under the leadership of a Bishop, ours being Pastor Eric Branch.

The Bishop or Overseer is the Senior Elder in the church. The Bishop is responsible for getting before God and receiving vision for the ministry. The Bishop will dedicate himself/herself to prayer and the Word. The chief role of our Bishop, Pastor Eric Branch, will be to equip the saints for the work of the ministry and implement ministry as the Holy Spirit leads.

Assisting Pastor Eric is a team of staff and care pastors. The Pastoral Care Ministry provides counsel, helps meet the needs of the saints, gives spiritual guidance and cares for the families in the church.

New Image Church has an Administrative Team assisting Pastor Eric in governing the body. The role of the Administrators is to physically put into action the teaching of Pastor Eric, carrying out the his vision and assist in placement of partners for ministry based on their spiritual gifts, etc.

Pastor Eric has an accountability system and an appointed advisory committee, typically known as an official church board to help handle the legal business of the church.



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Expectations Upon Becoming a Covenant Partner

1. You are expected to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Upon partnering with N.I.C., you are expected to be involved in at least one area of ministry. The place of ministry will be based upon your spiritual gift and availability in that area. Training for ministry will be provided as needed and should you need help discovering your spiritual gift we will help you do so.
3. You should pray daily for our nation, the upstate, New Image Church, Pastors Eric & Kimberly and the leadership team of N.I.C.
4. You are expected to support the work of N.I.C. with the biblical tithe and offering.
5. You are expected to treat others with respect, love, mercy, grace, compassion, etc. "Treat others the way you would want to be treated."
6. As a covenant partner of N.I.C., you are expected to walk in the character of our Lord Jesus both inside the church and outside.
7. As a covenant partner of N.I.C., you are expected to adhere to the teachings of the church and fully walk in them.
8. As a covenant partner of N.I.C., you are expected to respect and encourage the leadership, never tearing down through word or deed. You are expected to be in harmony with the Pastor Eric and leadership of the church.
9. As a covenant partner of N.I.C., you are expected to be a good steward of your finances and managing God's resources well. Your financial testimony is important to God.
10. N.I.C. is a team ministry. It is only as we assist and partner with one another that God will get the Glory for all that is accomplished.
11. N.I.C. believes it is most beneficial to partners and Pastor Eric in being faithful in attendance to all services, missing only those that are acceptable to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
12. It should be your desire not to bring any reproach upon N.I.C. Please remember, as a covenant partner of N.I.C., you not only represent yourself, but also the entire congregation.



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Articles Of Faith

1. We believe there is but one living and true God everlasting, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; Maker and Preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in the unity of this Godhead there are three Persons of one substance of eternal being, and equal in holiness, justice, wisdom, power and dignity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed virgin; so that the whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and the manhood were joined together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and perfect man, who actually suffered, was crucified, died, and buried, to reconcile the Father to us, and to make atonement, not only for our actual guilt, but also for original sin.
3. We believe that Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfections of man's nature, and ascend into heaven and there sits until He shall return to judge all men at the last day.
4. We believe that the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.
5. We believe in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, known as the Bible, composed of sixty-six books divided into two departments, Old and New Testaments. We believe the Bible is the Word of God, the full and complete revelation of the plan and history of redemption.
6. We believe that eternal life with God in heaven is a portion of the reward of the finally righteous; and that everlasting banishment from the presence of the Lord and unending torture in hell are the wages of the persistently wicked (Matthew 25:46; Psalm 9:17; Revelation 21:7-8).
7. We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the remission of sins that are past, for the regeneration of penitent sinners, and for salvation from sin and from sinning (Romans 3:25; 1 John 3:5-10; Ephesians 2:1-10).
8. We believe, teach and firmly maintain the scriptural doctrine of justification by faith alone (Romans 5:1).
9. We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the complete cleansing for the justified believer from all indwelling sin and from its pollution, subsequent to regeneration. (1 John 1:7-9).
10. We believe that entire sanctification is an instantaneous, definite, second work of grace, obtainable by faith on the part of the fully justified believer (John 15:2; Acts 26:18).
11. We believe that the Pentecostal Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire is obtainable by a definite act of appropriating faith on the part of the fully cleansed believer, and the initial evidence of the reception of this experience is speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Luke 11:13; Acts 1:5, 2:14, 8-17; 10:44-46; 19:6).
12. We believe in divine healing as in the atonement (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:14-18; James 5:14-16; Exodus 15:26).
13. We believe in the imminent, personal, pre-millennial, second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 3:1-4; Matthew 24:29-44), and love and wait for His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8).
14. We believe it is the responsibility of every believer to dedicate his life to carrying out the work of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8).



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Ministry Staff

The following is a list of ministries and leaders that are available to serve you and your family. Should you have any questions about any of these areas of ministry the following people are available to assist you.

Bishop Eric	Senior Pastor
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Deb Nalley	Missions Director
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Suggestive Ministries

The following list provided is to give you some examples of ministries we either have active now or have intentions to be active soon. This is not a conclusive list.

Musicians & Praise Team Members	Cell Group Leaders
Sound System Technicians	Nursing Home Ministry
Lighting Technicians	Youth Ministry
Media Technician	Young Adult Ministry
New Expectations (Girls Ministry)	Women's Ministry
New Image 180° (Boys Ministry)	Benevolence
Nursery Workers	Evangelism Outreach
Men's Ministry	Building Maintenance
Multimedia Outreach	Singles Ministry
Intercessory Prayer Team	Operation MIA
Outreach Ministries	Psalmist Ministry
Leadership Trainer	Guest & Host Ministry
Children's Ministry	Pastoral Care Ministry
World Missions	Hospitality Ministry
Drama	Discipleship Ministry
Dance Ministry	
Theatrical/Arts Ministry	
Drug / Alcohol Deliverance Ministry	
A.S.O.M. (Alethea School Of Ministry)	
Senior Adult Ministry	
Ministerial Fellowship	
Operation Judea (Plant a church like ours)	
Operation Samaria (Plant a church different than ours)	



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Notes



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Church Membership Information

Single ___ Married ___ (Anniversary Date ___/___/___) Date: _____

Your Full Name _____

Spouse's Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Your Cell Phone _____

Spouse's Cell Phone _____

Your E-Mail _____

Spouse's E-mail _____

Names of all family members in the home:	Gender (M/F):	Date of Birth:
_____	_____	___/___/___
_____	_____	___/___/___
_____	_____	___/___/___
_____	_____	___/___/___
_____	_____	___/___/___

General Information:

- How long have you attended New Image Church? _____
- List those in the family joining with you? _____

- Are each of you joining a Born-again Christian? ___ Yes ___ No
(If no, list who isn't: _____)
- Have you each been baptized in Water? (*not required to join*) ___ Yes ___ No
(If no, who needs to be: _____)
- Have you each read and filled out the booklet *Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts*? ___ Yes ___ No
Please list the areas you each are most gifted: _____

- Have any of you ever been filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues? _____

If you are currently a member of another church, please contact them and inform them of your decision to join New Image Church. Should you need our assistance, please inform our church office and we will contact them for you.

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Your signature indicates that you desire to be a Covenant Partner of New Image Church and that you agree to the following.

1. I covenant to walk in peace, agreeing to the doctrines and structure of N.I.O.
2. I covenant to help accomplish the vision that God has given to Bishop Eric Branch and not my own agenda.
3. I covenant to be faithful in attendance of all services missing only those that are acceptable by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
4. I covenant to bring the biblical tithe (10%) and offerings to N.I.O. as worship unto the Lord.
5. I covenant to be actively involved in at least one area of ministry based on availability and gifting. (See Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts booklet)
6. I covenant to submit myself to the Word of God for reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16).
7. I covenant to pray for Bishop Eric Branch and his family and also for the New Image Church family.
8. I covenant not to murmur, complain, or speak evil against Bishop Eric, Pastor Kimberly, N.I.O. or any of my brothers and sisters in this body.
9. I covenant to conduct myself in a manner that will be above reproach spiritually, morally, and financially.

Date: _____

Your Signature: _____

Spouse's Signature: _____

Total family members that are joining, including children: _____

Pastor Eric D. Branch: _____

Secretary: _____

Partnership Date: _____

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