



Northview  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

# NORTHVIEW INTERN PROGRAM

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2017/2018

## A BRIEF OVERVIEW

For many years, Northview Community Church has worked with interns in various ministries and capacities. This comes from a passion to train young leaders for every area of society, particularly the local church. In fact, one of our Core Values is, **“We value equipping people for transformation and ministry. We believe the responsibility of the church leadership is not to do the work of the ministry, but to equip the body to do the work. Our aim is not to be a market place of various ministries, but a mission training center.”** The Northview intern program is one way we try to live out our Core Values.

The goal is to provide a place to gain experience, be exposed to a variety of ministries in the church, be mentored by one of our pastors, develop a solid theological base, and develop the gifts that God has given. Internships are 10-12 months long and are paid positions. We pay \$1200 per month and give the option to raise another \$800 per month. While this obviously isn't a salary to get rich on, it does permit an intern to focus entirely on the internship without having to work outside the church. 40 hours a week is the required time commitment. We have no housing available, but will work with interns in finding suitable and affordable places to live.

A typical week will consist of prayer meetings, a 2 hour theological class, a 1 hour class with one of our pastors to talk about their ministry and answer questions, visits to other ministries of the church, one-on-one mentoring time with the pastor under whose ministry the intern is working, significant involvement in a specific ministry area and time for self-evaluation. In addition to this, there will be special events/opportunities to be a part of.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

The ideal candidate for our program is a Bible College graduate looking for practical experience. They should be longing to grow deeper in their faith, willing to be stretched personally, seeking to develop in their theological acumen and leadership gifting, wanting a deeper understanding of church ministry and desiring to be equipped for future ministry.

We believe that our program is ideal for a grad that is looking to flesh out the education they have received in a real-life church experience before going into full-time ministry or pursuing further education. It may also be ideal for people who are questioning their call to work in full-time ministry. Become involved for a year and see how God leads in and through that experience!

We are open however, to people that have not yet finished their degree or are looking at pursuing ministry in the future. We desire to be flexible yet committed to what we believe God has called us to.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

**STEP 1** – Pray for discernment

**STEP 2** – Fill out the application form and submit by:

- Dropping off at the Church  
Monday to Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm  
Friday 8:30am-4:00pm
- E-mail: [internship@northview.org](mailto:internship@northview.org)
- Mail  
Northview Community Church, c/o Kyle Meeker  
32040 Downes Road  
Abbotsford, BC, V4X 1X5

**STEP 3** – Application will be reviewed and references checked by Intern Director

**STEP 4** – Interview #1 – Intern Director

Phone/Live interview to determine if applicant is suitable for program and to inform applicant of specifics of the program

**STEP 5** – Interview #2 – Pastor

Phone/Live interview to evaluate suitability of applicant for specific department

**STEP 6** – Interview #3 – Lead Pastor or designate

Phone/Live theological based interview

**STEP 7** – Final Evaluation

Intern Director & Pastor make final decision

If positive, a criminal records check must be done

**STEP 8** – If candidate is discerned into the Intern Program, Intern Director and candidate will work through details of Internship

**STEP 9** – Prepare to:

- ✓ Grow deeper in your faith
- ✓ Be stretched personally
- ✓ Develop theological acumen and leadership gifting
- ✓ Gain deeper understanding of church ministry
- ✓ Be equipped for future ministry



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal Name in full (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_

SIN # \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single  Engaged  Married  Widowed  Divorced  Separated

Spouse's Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Number and ages of children (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Present Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

If currently a student, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a passport?  No  Yes Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

## HEALTH

Describe your general health: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any physical limitations, disabilities, or health issues that you may have:

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Do you have any chronic illnesses? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently taking medication prescribed by a doctor? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Community Group Leader (if attending Northview) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been attending this church? \_\_\_\_\_

Date you accepted Christ as Savior \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been baptized as a believer? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

List below the colleges, universities or other schools you have attended:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Dates \_\_\_\_\_ Diploma/Degree \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Dates \_\_\_\_\_ Diploma/Degree \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (List most recent first)

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

## REFERENCES (Please do not list a family member as a reference)

### A. Spiritual Reference

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Employment Reference

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Character Reference

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCES

Are you going to supplement the intern salary by seeking to raise support? (Up to \$800/mo.)

No  Yes

What are your current financial obligations (i.e. student loan, credit card, car loan/insurance, cell phone, etc.)? Please list and explain.

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## LEGAL AND LIFESTYLE CONCERNS

*In caring for our members we believe it is our responsibility to build a team that is able to provide healthy, safe and nurturing relationships. Please answer the following questions accordingly. Any special concerns can be discussed individually with the intern pastor.*

Will you commit to refrain from activities that could cause another believer to stumble, such as abusing prescription drugs, over-consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs, or any activity that would bring into question your intentions or your character?

Yes    No

Have you read and do you agree with Northview Community Church's statement of faith?

Yes    No

If no, what statements do you disagree with and why?

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If single, are you currently involved in any kind of dating/courting relationship?  Yes    No

If yes, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever gone through treatment for alcohol abuse?  Yes    No

Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime?  Yes    No

Have you ever been accused or convicted of any form of child abuse?  Yes    No

Is there anything from your past that may come up in the future about you that could hurt the ministry of Northview Community Church?  Yes    No

If yes, please explain:

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If yes, have you seen a counselor?  Yes    No

## HEART/PASSION

What needs do you love to meet?

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With what affinity/age group do you feel you can make the greatest positive impact?

<input type="checkbox"/> Men	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced
<input type="checkbox"/> Women	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Adults
<input type="checkbox"/> Singles	<input type="checkbox"/> College Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Parents	<input type="checkbox"/> Families	

What are your passions?

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What do you most wish you had in your life that you do not presently have?

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If you could add just one accomplishment to your life, what would it be?

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What would you most like to do, change, or try?

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**ABILITIES/SKILLS** (please check all that apply)

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Organizing
- Planning
- Event Production

**COMMUNICATION**

- Teaching
- Preaching

**COUNSELING**

- Crisis
- Family

**COMPUTER**

- Programming
- Power Point
- Correspondence

**DESIGN**

- Video Editing
- Graphic Design
- Set Design
- Drawing/Painting

**DRAMA**

- Acting
- Writing
- Lighting

**LEADERSHIP**

- Leading Small Groups
- Leading Volunteers

**MUSIC**

- Vocal
- Instrumental
- Reading
- Writing
- Arranging
- Production
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSIONS**

- Local
- Global
- Foreign Language  
Which Language(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Can Write    Can Read

**SPORTS**

- Organizing Tournaments
- Coaching
- Which Sports: \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITING**

- Bible Study/Devotionals
- Editing
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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What do you see as your top three strengths and your top three weaknesses?

**Strengths**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Weaknesses**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the top 3 departments of ministry you would prefer to intern in at Northview. (1 = most desired)

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| ____ Community              | ____ Missions              | ____ Worship      |
| ____ High School Ministry   | ____ Prayer & Discipleship | ____ Young Adults |
| ____ Middle School Ministry | ____ Women's Ministry      |                   |

## PERSONALITY

Mark the words below that BEST describe your personality

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative | <input type="checkbox"/> Project-Driven | <input type="checkbox"/> People-Driven |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extrovert   | <input type="checkbox"/> Introvert   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rigid          | <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxed       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Routine     | <input type="checkbox"/> Variety     | <input type="checkbox"/> Get it Done    | <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate it   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Risk    | <input type="checkbox"/> High Risk   |   |  |

## SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES

Please provide a brief background of your life story. Information provided could include where you were raised, your family life, education, and significant life experiences.

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When did you begin a personal relationship with Jesus and how did that commitment change your life?

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When were you baptized and what did it mean to you?

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How is God working in your life today, and what changes do you and others recognize in your life?

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How would you describe your evangelism style?

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How would you define working with a 'team ministry' approach? What experience have you had with that style of ministry?

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### **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Over the course of your life (before or after meeting Christ), what have you started (organization, business, ministry, etc.) and what have you led (officially or unofficially)?

___ Started	___ Led	_____
___ Started	___ Led	_____
___ Started	___ Led	_____
___ Started	___ Led	_____

### **VOCATIONAL CALLING**

Why, at this time, are you applying for an internship at Northview?

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What do you desire to gain from this internship?

Personally \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_

Relationally \_\_\_\_\_

Vocationally \_\_\_\_\_

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After this internship is over, what do you hope to do?

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## THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

Do you have any problems or hesitations with the Mennonite Brethren confession of faith?

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What is the Gospel?

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What are your views regarding how Divine Sovereignty and human responsibility coexist? Would you call yourself a Calvinist or an Arminian or something else? Why?

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What are your views regarding the gifts of the Spirit? Do you believe the gifts of tongues, prophecy, and healing are for today? If yes, how should they function in the local church today?

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Who are some of your favorite Christian authors and speakers? Please explain what you appreciate about each one.

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What are your views on baptism? Do you baptize infants or only adults or both?

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What are your spiritual gifts and how have they been affirmed in your life?

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How have you developed leaders throughout your ministry?

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In your opinion, what are the most pressing issues or challenges facing North American Christians in the beginning of the 21st century?

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What are the most dangerous false teachings in the contemporary evangelical church in your opinion?

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

As an Intern at Northview you must commit to comply with all aspects of the Code of Conduct in order to remain eligible for the program.

### INTIMACY

I pledge to deepen my relationship with God and make knowing Him my first priority.

### CHARACTER

I pledge to let God shape my character and transform me into His image.

### AUTHORITY

I pledge to come under the authority and covering of Northview Church and its leaders.

### STUDY

I pledge to study to show myself approved and grow in my knowledge of the Word of God

### STEWARDSHIP

I pledge to be responsible in the area of my finances and all my financial commitments.

### HEALTH

I pledge to maintain my body as God's temple and practice sound eating, sleeping, and exercise habits.

### FAITHFULNESS

I pledge to be prompt and faithful in my attendance to all prayer times, class times, ministry tracks, and services.

### PURITY

I pledge to avoid immoral or illegal activities or engage in any behavior that is contrary to Biblical conduct and ethics.

### FELLOWSHIP

I pledge to be an encouragement to my fellow interns and build solid relationship with others.

### LEADERSHIP

I pledge to develop my leadership gifts by taking initiative, both verbally and practically.

### FOCUS

I pledge to keep my relationship with God and members of the opposite sex in proper priority.

### EXCELLENCE

I pledge to communicate a spirit of excellence in my speech, conduct, appearance, and attitude.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am persuaded that it is the will of God for me to be enrolled in the Northview Intern Experience for the 2017-2018 year. I sincerely believe that I am here by the direction of the Holy Spirit and that God desires to do a unique work in my life that includes a deeper understanding of His word and works, the development of a stronger personal relationship to God, the further maturing of my Christian character, the strengthening of personal disciplines in my life, the sharpening of my ministry skills and the development of life-long friends.

I will at all times conduct myself as a Christian, faithfully and diligently adhering to the Northview Intern program requirements, and promptly meet all financial and other obligations. I have thoroughly considered the time commitments, financial obligations, leadership role, and personal devotion required to succeed as a Northview Intern and am willing to apply myself to these standards.

Because of this, I accept the entire Code of Conduct and agree that I will comply with the Code of Conduct to remain eligible for the Northview Intern Experience.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**As an applicant for the Northview Intern Experience, I agree to the following:**

1. I understand that my acceptance is conditional until results of any tests of examinations or verifications, required by Northview Church, are known and verified.
2. I agree to undergo a criminal/background check.
3. I certify that the answers given by me are true and correct.
4. I am aware that Northview Church may without liability, terminate my internship because of false statements or omissions made in this application or for any other reason deemed necessary.
5. I authorize the entities and individuals named in the application to give relevant information regarding my application to Northview Church, including but not limited to, my employment history, work habits and character.
6. I understand that my internship will be subject to a three-month probation period.
7. I have prayed over this decision and discussed it with those my decision will impact. My family and/or spouse support my decision.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Drop off in person during church business hours:  
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Friday 8:30am-4:00pm.

## **NORTHVIEW STATEMENT OF FAITH**

### **GOD**

We Believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

a.) We believe in God the Father, the Creator and Sustainer of this universe, who in His infinite wisdom and love planned the redemption of mankind and accomplished it through Jesus Christ.

b.) We believe in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a perfect life, was crucified for our sins, rose from the dead and was exalted to the right hand of God.

c.) We believe in the Holy Spirit who effects redemption in the lives of those who believe in Christ. He convicts, guides, teaches, rebukes, indwells, empowers, comforts, intercedes, unites believers into one body, and glorifies Christ.

Gen. 1; Deut. 6:4-6; Ps. 139; Is. 40; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1, 18; 4:24; 15:26; Rom. 8:1-17, 26-27; 2Cor. 3:17; 5:19; 13:14; Phil. 2:6-8; 1Tim. 3:16; 6:15-16; Heb. 11:6; Jude 2-5.

### **THE REVELATION OF GOD**

We believe that God has made His power and deity known in creation. He revealed Himself also in word and deed in the Old Testament. He revealed Himself supremely and finally in the Lord Jesus Christ, as recorded in the New Testament. We believe that all Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, are inspired by God as men of God were moved by the Holy Spirit. We accept the entire Bible to be the infallible Word of God and the final, complete and authoritative guide for the faith and life of Christian discipleship.

Ps. 19; 119:105; Lk. 24:27, 44; Rom. 1:18-23; 2Tim 3:15-17; 2Pet. 1:16-21; Heb. 1:1-2; 8:5-13

### **MAN AND SIN**

We believe that man was created in the image of God, sinless and in fellowship with God, with a free will to make moral choices. By sinning he brought death upon the whole human race. As a consequence people are sinful by nature, guilty before God and in need of forgiveness and restoration.

Gen. 1:27; 3:1-19; Mt. 19:13-15; Rom. 3:10-18; 5:12; 18:21; Eph. 2:1-3.

### **SALVATION BY GRACE**

We believe that there is one God and Mediator between God and men, the Man Jesus Christ, who by his substitutionary death has redeemed humanity from the power of sin, death and eternal punishment. We are saved by God's grace through faith in Christ, and by faith alone. Those who repent receive forgiveness of sins and by the power of the Holy Spirit are born into the family of God, and, as faithful disciples, joyfully obey God's Word. Christians are to treat people of other faiths with respect, but urgently proclaim Christ as the only way of salvation.

Acts 2:42, 46; Eph. 1:13-14; 2:8-9; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 4:12; 9:15-28; 1Jn. 1:9; Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12; Rom 1:18-24; Rom 2:1-16.

### **THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer and transforms him or her into the image of Christ and enables the believer to witness to his or her Lord in daily life. The Christian lives in fellowship with God and other believers. The believer contributes to the building of the body of Christ with his or her material and spiritual gifts. By the means of grace provided by Christ, the believer seeks to grow to maturity as this is expressed particularly in the "fruit of the Spirit." Since the believer's body is a "temple of the Holy Spirit" he or she refrains from those things which harm the body and the mind. In striving for perfection the believer recognizes his or her complete dependence on God and, is constantly in need of His forgiving and cleansing grace.

Mt. 5:14-16; Jn. 12:26; 15:4-5; Rom. 6; 8:9-16; 12; 1 Cor. 6:19; Eph. 2:1-4; 4:1-16; Tit. 2:11-14; Heb. 12:14; 1 Jn. 3:17-18.

## **THE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

We believe that the church was established through Christ's redemptive work in history, and that it is comprised of all who put their faith in Him and who are baptized by the Spirit into one body, regardless of nation, race or social class. Despite the diversity in congregations and denominations, the Holy Spirit creates unity among all the people of God.

Mt. 18:15-35; Jn. 13:1-17; Jn. 17-21; Acts. 2:38-44; 15:1-28; 1 Cor. 12-14; 2 Cor. 2:6-8; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:10-22; 5:21, 25-27; 1 Thess. 5:11, 14; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14-15; Rev. 5:9

## **THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

We believe that the Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation", and that the command to make disciples of all nations is the primary task of the church. Every member of the church is called to participate in the mission of the church as he/she is enabled by God's grace.

Mt. 2:23; 11:5; 28:19-20; Acts. 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:18-20.

## **THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

We believe that God through the Holy Spirit has endowed all His children with gifts for Christian ministries. All are called to use their gifts to build up the body of Christ and to glorify the Lord. Some members of the church are called to lead, to preach, to teach, to evangelize and to nurture. For this reason, God gives some to be Elders and Pastors. The church commissions or ordains people for such ministries and loves, respects, and supports those who serve faithfully. Those in leadership are to live exemplary Christian lives.

Is. 6:1-10; Jer. 3:15; Acts 6:1-6; 20:28; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Tim. 3:1-10; 5:17-22; Tit. 1:5-9; 3:10; 1 Pet. 5:1-5.

## **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

We believe that Christians should be baptized in water upon confession of their faith in Christ. We practice baptism by immersion, although we receive into fellowship those who have been baptized on confession of their faith by another mode. Baptism is a public declaration that the believer identifies with Christ and has become part of His body, the church.

Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:2-6; Col. 2:12-13; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; 1 Pet. 3:21

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

In preparation for the fellowship of the Lord's Supper, all believers examine themselves. All those who understand its meaning, confess Jesus Christ as Lord in word and life, are accountable to their congregation and are living in right relationship with God and others are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper.

Mt. 16:24; 26:26-30; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:23-32; Rev. 3:20.

## **MARRIAGE AND THE CHRISTIAN HOME**

We believe that God instituted marriage. Marriage is a sacred union between one man and one woman. Believers who marry should have a common Christian commitment; a believer should not marry an unbeliever. We believe that divorce, adultery and homosexuality constitute a violation of God's intention for marriage. We do not condone same sex marriage or homosexual lifestyles. Christian parents should nurture their children through exemplary living, prayer, worship, instruction in God's Word, and godly discipline.

Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18-24; Prov. 5:18-19; Mal. 2:13-16; Mt. 5:31-32; 19:4-9; 1 Cor. 7:10-11; 2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:22-23; 6:4; Heb. 13:4; Rom 1:18-32.

### **THE LORD'S DAY AND WORK**

We believe that God has called us to work and that work is honorable. However, the Christian also needs to have time for corporate worship, instruction in the faith and fellowship. Therefore, following the example of the New Testament Church, we set aside one day a week as the Lord's Day for spiritual up-building and limit our labors on that day to work of necessity and deeds of mercy.

Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-10; Mt. 6:33; Lk. 24:1-36; Acts 2:1; 20:7; Rom. 14:5-6; Eph. 4:28; 1 Thess. 4:11-12; Heb. 10:23-25.

### **CHRISTIAN INTEGRITY**

Christians are obligated to speak the truth at all times. As a witness to our integrity we affirm that we will tell the truth at all times in keeping with what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount. Also, we avoid holding membership in lodges and secret societies including those that require an oath, but seek rather to foster fellowship among believers.

Mt. 5:33-37; 23:1-12; Jn. 18:19-23; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Eph. 5:6-13; James 5:12.

### **THE STATE**

We believe that God has instituted the state. Our chief concern and primary allegiance, however, is to Christ's kingdom. We pray for our government, respect those in authority, pay taxes, obey all laws not in conflict with the Word of God, and witness against corruption and injustice in society.

Mt. 22:17-21; Acts 4:19; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-6; 1 Pet. 2:13-14.

### **LOVE and PEACE**

We believe that Christians should live by the law of love and practice forgiveness of enemies as taught and exemplified by Jesus. We seek to be agents of reconciliation; our bond with other followers of Jesus transcends all racial, social and national barriers. We view violence as contradictory to the new nature of the Christian. In times of national conscription or war, we will teach and encourage alternate service where possible.

Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 5:17-28, 38-45; Rom. 12:19-21; 13:8-10; 1 Pet. 2:19-23.

### **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

We believe that God is creator and giver of life, and highly values each person. Procedures designed to take human life are wrong. We oppose all attitudes which devalue human life, especially the defenseless lives of the unborn, disabled, poor, aging and dying.

Gen 1:26-27, 2:7; Exod 20:13; Job 31:15; Ps 139:13-16; Amos 1-2; Matt 6:25-27, 25:31-46; John 10:11.

### **CHRIST'S FINAL TRIUMPH**

We believe that God will someday bring His purposes to a final consummation. We believe that Christ will return visibly, personally and bodily. When Christ returns the dead in Christ will be raised bodily and together with the living believers they will be bodily transformed and they shall be forever with the Lord. In the end all evil powers will be defeated and whereas the ungodly shall suffer eternal punishment, the saints shall enjoy eternal bliss in the presence of God.

Is. 2:4; 61:1-11; Mt. 25:13, 31-46; Mk. 9:43-48; Lk. 16:22-23; Jn. 5:25-29; Acts 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:21-58; Phil. 1:21-24; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; Tit. 2:11-14; 2 Pet. 3:3-13; Rev. 1:15, 20-22.

I have read and agree to Northview's Statement of Faith.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Our Mission** - "Leading people to passionately follow Jesus."

**Our Vision** - Loving God, one another, and the world.

### **OUR CORE VALUES**

#### ***Loving God:***

**We value dependence on God expressed through prayer.**

Prayer is the primary way that we acknowledge the truth that God is the creator and sustainer of all things. We are to pray about all things and without ceasing, confident that God hears us.

(Acts 17:24-25)

(Phil 4:6)

(1 John 5:14)

**We value living in obedience to the authority of Scripture.**

The Bible is God's word spoken to us. We cannot deliberately ignore the word of God and consider ourselves followers of Christ. The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to grow the people of God.

(2 Tim 3:16-17)

(James 1:22)

(Luke 6:46-49)

**We value yielding to the Holy Spirit.**

We are open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit operating in accordance with Scripture. We want to see the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control) evident in the lives of all who claim to follow Jesus.

(1 Cor 12-14)

(Rom 12:4-8)

(Gal 5:22-23)

**We value acts of worship in response to who God is and what He has done.**

God acts toward us with grace which is shown in the created world and supremely in the Cross. Our worship is a response to this activity. Our acts of worship include both what we do when we gather corporately each week, and individually in our lives (work, play, study, etc.). The deeper the Gospel is understood, the more extravagant the response.

(Luke 7:36-47)

(Rom 12:1-2)

(Eph 5:18)

(Ps 95:1-2)

(Ps 96:1-3)

(Rom 12:1)

### ***Loving Others:***

#### **We value equipping people for transformation and ministry.**

We believe the responsibility of the church leadership is not to do the work of the ministry, but to equip the body to do the work. Our aim is not to be a market place of various ministries, but a mission training center.

(Luke 10:1-12)

(Eph 4:11-16)

#### **We value healthy family life.**

We believe marriage is designed to be between a man and a woman and strong marriages form the foundation for healthy family life. Marriages like this are achieved by following the guidelines put forth in the Bible (husbands self-sacrificially love their wives, wives respect their husbands, and children obey their parents). In addition we remember that singleness is a gift to be cherished, not a burden to be carried. A single person has increased opportunity to serve God free from distraction. In a culture of broken families we want to emphasize that God acts to redeem less than ideal situations.

(Gen 1:26-27, Gen 2:21-25)

(Matt 19:1-12)

(1Cor 7:1-16)

(Eph 5:18-6:4)

(Col 3:18-4:1)

#### **We value authentic community.**

We seek to be a body of believers that has a deeper commitment to one another than can be achieved by looking at the back of each other's heads each weekend. We want to foster a spiritual family atmosphere where we are open to accountability in our relationships, and have a genuine concern for the welfare of one another.

(Eph 4:25-32)

(Mar 3:31-35)

(Rom 12:9-16)

(John 17:20-21)

(1 John 3:16-18)

#### **We value being a church that reflects the ethnicity and inter-generational makeup of our local community.**

We believe one way that the Kingdom of God is represented in the local church is by the breaking down of social and ethnic barriers. To the degree that we achieve this, we give the world a picture of the way it ought to be. The Gospel forms a community of the old and young, rich and poor, broken and whole, black and white.

(Rev 7:9-17)

(Eph 2:14-22)

(Acts 10:34-35)

(Gal 3:28)

### ***Loving the World:***

#### **We value doing justice and mercy as an outgrowth of the Gospel both locally and globally.**

Scripture is clear that God cares for the oppressed and the poor. We as a church participate in what God is doing in the world when we have the same values that he does. While caring for the oppressed is not the Gospel itself, it is the result of the Gospel's influence in the lives of those who have embraced it. We seek to balance our priorities between the plight of the disenfranchised in our city and those beyond our borders.

(Micah 6:8)

(Is 1:17)

(Is 58:6-7)

(Amos 5:14-15)

(Luke 4:16-21)

(Matt 25:31-46)

(James 2:14-17)

#### **We value speaking the Gospel in culturally relevant ways in our community and around the world.**

The Gospel is the message of salvation that must be heard to be believed. For the message to be accessible it must be communicated in ways that are understandable to its hearers. Great care must be taken to maintain the fundamentals of the Gospel when communicating it across cultures, but the need to communicate it still remains. We want to be skilled in understanding the nature of the Gospel itself and the context in which we are sharing it.

(Rom 10:14-15)

(Matt 28:18-20)

(Acts 16:25-34)

(1Cor 15:1-8)

#### **We value reflecting the reign of Christ in every area of life and society.**

When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, he won a victory over all powers. He is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God as the reigning King of the universe. His kingdom has been inaugurated, but not yet fully consummated. The church, then, is a foreshadow to the day when Christ's reign will be fully realized in all the earth. A significant part of our mission is to point to that day of consummation in every area of our lives (work, study, home, play, etc.).

(Gen 2)

(Phil 4:8)