

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ALL NATIONS CHURCH ELDERSHIP

OVERVIEW

Making a commitment to be an Elder at All Nations Church is a very important decision. It symbolizes the reality of the Elder's faith and desire to grow and serve other Christians who are part of the Body of Christ. It indicates a definite commitment of willingness to take responsibility to help lead the church of Christ to fulfill its God appointed purpose.

STATEMENT:

An Elder at All Nations Church, helps train disciples of Christ to:

1. Walk with God in the Spirit,
2. Live the Word,
3. Contribute to the work of the Kingdom, and,
4. Impact the world through reproducing disciples and assisting in church planting.

An Elder commits himself to do the following by God's grace:

1. He endeavors to live an exemplary life directed by the Holy Spirit in obedience to the Word of God and in every area to bring honor and glory to Christ his Lord and Savior (Acts 1:8; Colossians 3:1-17; I Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9).
2. An Elder will assume personal responsibility to regularly read and study the Bible, to pray, to cultivate a life of worship and to encourage others in these and other spiritual disciplines (Psalm 42:1-2; I Thessalonians 5:16-18; James 5:13-18).
3. An Elder helps others know Christ as their Savior, Lord and life, and to equip the Body to tell others about Christ (Matthew 2:18-20; John 3:16; John 14:6; II Corinthians 5:11-21).
4. An Elder accepts the Bible as God's inspired Word and final authority for doctrine, for teaching, and for all areas of faith and practice. He agrees to teach that which agrees with the Bible and our Doctrinal Statement (II Timothy 3:16-17).
5. He fully acknowledges Jesus Christ as the head of the church, His body, and therefore, will prayerfully, with his fellow leaders, seek God's will for this church striving to lead as He directs according to His will.
6. An Elder will strive for unity in Christ and the Holy Spirit as he works with his fellow Elders and Pastors. He will lead with the attitude of a servant knowing God is the one who leads this church and works in us to accomplish His will.
7. He assumes a degree of responsibility for the spiritual health of his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Thus, in humility, he will be gentle and patient, bearing with one another in love, and challenging each other to purity doing his best to keep the unity of the Holy Spirit in peace (Ephesians 4:1-3).
8. An Elder will maintain confidentiality of all issues and persons involved in situations discussed within the Elder team. He will faithfully pray for those involved in issues discussed within the Elder team that they might allow God to work in their life and bring them into a right relationship with Him.
9. He will regularly pray for the Pastors, fellow Elders, church body, and those who do not yet experientially know Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

10. An Elder commits himself to generous financial giving to this church for the work of the Lord. Furthermore, he encourages others to do likewise.
11. An ANC Elder is involved regularly in some aspect of All Nation's C-Group or D-Group ministry participating in at least one small group.
12. By God's grace, he will love and serve his wife and family, loving them as Christ loves His church.
13. His schedule allows him and he commits to be in attendance at 75% of regularly scheduled Elders meetings.
14. If at any time he can no longer agree with the above or fulfill it, he will notify the Pastors and other Elders of the church and seek their counsel regarding his position as a leader of this church.