

# MUNICH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Munich International Community Church is not affiliated with any one church or denomination. As evangelical Christians we accept wholeheartedly the revelation of God given in the Old and New Testaments and expressed in such historic statements of the Christian Church as the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.

We embrace the following areas of doctrinal teaching on which there is general agreement among evangelical Christians both historically and on the contemporary scene. However, we desire to allow for freedom of conviction on doctrinal matters not specifically delineated in the following statement of faith, providing that any interpretation is based on the Bible alone and that no such interpretation shall become an issue which hinders the unity of this body or the ministry to which God has called us.

1. We believe the Bible is the written Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, inerrant in the original manuscripts and possessing God's authority in all matters of faith and life.

2. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, perfect in love and righteousness, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in power and worthy of worship and obedience.

3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man; that He died to atone for our sins; that He was raised from the dead bodily, ascended into heaven and is presently interceding for us at the Father's right hand.

4. We believe that the Holy Spirit baptizes, seals and indwells all believers at the moment of salvation; and that He is the believer's teacher, guide and power for godly living.

5. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God; and that all men are born with a sinful nature, falling short of being morally or spiritually acceptable to God in thought, word and deed.

6. We believe that a man is saved solely through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and is thereby justified before God, born of the Holy Spirit, and placed into God's family, a relationship in which he is eternally secure.

7. We believe in the visible and bodily return to earth of Jesus Christ, to raise the dead, judge the world and establish His eternal kingdom; and that those who are believers shall live with God forever, while unbelievers shall be eternally separated from Him.

8. We believe that the Church is the living body of Christ on earth, Christ being its Head; that the body is composed of all those who have received Him as Savior and Lord; and that the local church exists as an expression of the universal Church to exalt God, edify believers and evangelize nonbelievers.

Church attendance is infected with a malaise of conditional loyalty which has produced an army of ecclesiastical hitchhikers. The hitchhiker's thumb says, "You buy the car, pay for repairs and upkeep and insurance, fill the car with gas—and I'll ride with you. But if you have an accident, you are on your own! And I'll probably sue." So it is with the credo of so many of today's church attenders: "You go to the meetings and serve on the boards and committees, you grapple with the issues and do the work of the church and pay the bills—and I'll come along for the ride. But if things do not suit me, I'll criticize and complain and probably bail out—my thumb is always out for a better ride.

This putative loyalty is fueled by a consumer ethos—a "McChristian" mentality—which picks and chooses here and there to fill one's ecclesiastical shopping list....Hitchhikers have a telling vocabulary: "I go to" or "I attend," but never "I belong to" or "I am a member."

So today... there is a vast herd of professed Christians who exist as nomadic hitchhikers without accountability, without discipline, without discipleship, living apart from the regular benefits of the ordinances.

R. Kent Hughes, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, pp. 151-52

## MUNICH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

**SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 4:00 PM**

MOZARTSTRASSE 12 · CENTRAL MUNICH  
IN THE FREIE EVANGELISCHE GEMEINDE  
U3/U6 GOETHEPLATZ

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# BECOMING A MEMBER IN MICC

GLORIFYING CHRIST  
COMMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER  
UNITED IN HIS BODY



## MEMBERSHIP: THE BIBLICAL MODEL

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any of you will already have been members of other churches before coming to MICC and will therefore recognise the Biblical model for membership in Christ's Body, the Church.

As members, the Bible commands us to love, care for, encourage and support one another. It also calls us to discipline and correct one another when necessary. This willing submission to a shared life can only be realised through a mutual love for Jesus Christ and a mutual commitment to one another. This following only explains the formal requirements for membership within MICC. To understand the "benefits" you should talk to the members!

## MEMBERSHIP: THE ORGANIZATION

MICC is officially registered with the German authorities as an *eingetragener Verein* (e.V.). Consequently, we are required to have a Constitution and formal rules governing membership. These are:

- Membership is open to all who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Membership shall be effected by signature of the Fellowship Commitment Form, countersignature by an Elder.
- The Elders shall be responsible for the oversight of the membership roll. A member may be removed from the roll for the following reasons:
  - a) At his or her own written request;
  - b) On moving out of the Munich area;
  - c) For persistent non-attendance;
  - d) For serious moral or doctrinal error, requiring the exercise of church discipline.
- Membership of another church outside the Munich area shall not be a bar to membership of MICC.

## MEMBERSHIP: THE RELATIONSHIP

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erely living together in a casual arrangement can never produce the security, satisfaction and growth that the marriage covenant promises. The vow to be faithful for better for worse, richer and poorer, sickness and health is the glue that secures and brings forth fullness and growth in marriage. On the most basic level, a person does not have to go to church (or even be a member) to be a Christian. You don't have to go home to be married either! But in marriage and in the church, if you do not, you will have a very poor relationship.

In the relationship described by the church fellowship commitment, we receive the opportunities to grow through worship, hearing the word, sharing in the Lord's Table, discipleship and discipline, growth through small group involvement, service to the body and the community. It is through commitment that we more deeply understand, embrace and pursue Christ's vision and destiny for His bride, the church.

The MICC membership form makes three statements to which all members have assented. These are:

- I desire to worship with that part of Christ's body known as Munich International Community Church.
- I declare my faith in Jesus Christ as my Saviour, my Lord and my God, whose atoning sacrifice is the only and all sufficient ground of my salvation.
- I will participate faithfully in the Church's worship, fellowship, teaching, outreach, discipline and observance of the Lord's Supper.

On the right panel, there is a membership form which you may fill in, sign and return to an elder. We would like to talk to you to affirm your faith in Christ and get to know you so we can shepherd you toward faithfulness and fruitfulness in Christ.

We encourage each member: find your place to get involved in active service, and use and develop your gifts within the church body for both individual and corporate growth.

# Fellowship Commitment

THE MUNICH INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITY CHURCH, E.V.  
MUNICH, GERMANY

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Signature

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Please print your name here

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Date

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Elder's signature

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Date

