

BELONGING TO NEW HOPE MĀNOA

"OUR FAMILY DECLARATION"

Many of you already call NHM your home. In your hearts, you're fully committed members—without ever needing to go through a formal "Membership Course." And I love that.

You probably know that I've wrestled with the whole idea of "church membership"—signing agreements, commitment forms... .

I don't want NHM to be like a club/gym you join - but a family you can become a part of. **Family isn't something you sign up into—it's something you live into. ...on purpose, with purpose**

Healthy families talk. They have family meetings. They share values, support and care for one another and grow together.

- At NHM, I want us to have the attitude of being **owners** in how we care for this spiritual home and each other. Not a renters attitude - who don't have "full responsibility."

So, the next two Sundays, is not a Membership Course.

We're making a **Family Declaration—a shared understanding of who we are as followers of Jesus, and what it means to belong to God's family here at NHM.**

We don't have—and **will not** have—**formal membership**.
But we **absolutely** believe in **belonging**.



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READ WITH ME...

MĀNOA | Solid - Vast - Deep

We desire to grow in having a "manoa" relationship with God and one another. Jesus' Great Command is our highest priority.

To love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind...and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Luke 10:27

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Aloha and Welcome!

This booklet shares the heart and meaning of belonging to our church family. No matter which local church you choose to call home, **I** we pray the insights in this booklet will encourage and strengthen your relationship with God and His beautiful Kingdom family!

I We believe that the heart of belonging—to both God’s family and our church—is a sincere desire to know Him and cultivate a life that is pleasing to Him.

As you prayerfully reflect on **my** Pastor Rod’s - words and the heart of our church, please know that open and honest conversations are always encouraged. If you have any questions or thoughts, **I** we would love to hear from you!

Belonging to God’s Kingdom Family

Our church family embraces Paul’s definition of what it means to belong to God’s **Kingdom Family**:

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. Together, we are his house**, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And **the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. *We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.*** Through him, you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit. — Ephesians 2:19-22 NLT

This passage resonates with my heart -

- there’s an inclusion of gentiles, with jews,
- I believe we are called to think beyond NHM - Paul is exhorting ALL CHURCHES - ALL CHRIST FOLLOWERS... today!

OUR DECLARATION | The 3 C's of Belonging

These three truths are essential to belonging **together**—both to God's Kingdom family and New Hope Mānoa.

I. **COVENANT** | When you **believe** and receive Jesus into your life, you enter into a divine covenant with God and His family.

But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the LORD: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Hebrews 8:10 NLT

- 1Tim. 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
- **We are God's - we belong to Him - Jesus is our HEAD PASTOR**

John 10:14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, ¹⁵ just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. NLT

Heb. 13:20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. ESV

* Rom. 12:5 so **in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.** Romans 12:4-5 NLT

Billy Graham - If we belong to Christ - we also belong to each other.

II. **COMMUNITY** | We are created for connection, **belonging** to and needing one another to grow in our relationship with Christ.

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. ¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.
Ephesians 4:15-16 NLT

*Rom. 12:4-5 NLT - ONE BODY, MANY MEMBERS

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5 NLT

We can choose our “local church” but we can’t choose our BIG C-Church family :0

Eph. 2:19-22 Paul’s definition of Kingdom membership

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III. COMMITMENT | We are called to **build** God's Kingdom together, offering our **time, talents and treasure** in service to Him.

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷ If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸ If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.
Romans 12:6-8 NLT

- I want us to be contributors, not consumers... —we help build His Kingdom together - offering our time, talents, treasure...

Ephesians 4:15-16 * speaks to this point as well
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OUR 'OHANA CORE VALUES

1. Every person is deeply valued by God and embraced as part of our church family.
2. Doing church as a family is God's design for a fruitful and thriving community.
3. When we live out and reflect God's aloha, lives are impacted and transformed.
4. As a family, we commit to consistent spiritual growth, walking in honest accountability with one another.
5. Every member of our family is a minister, uniquely gifted by God to be discovered, developed and deployed for His purpose.
6. Our God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—is worthy of a life devoted to worship.
7. Genuine love and caring relationships are the foundation of a fruitful life.
8. Our evangelism is rooted in loving God and one another, while encouraging and equipping every generation to reach others for Christ.

OUR DISCIPLESHIP PILLARS

WE ARE DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO...

FOLLOW HIM	Luke 9:23-24	Commitment
ABIDE IN HIS WORD	John 8:31-32	Be in Communion
ARE BEING TRANSFORMED	2 Cor. 3:17-18	Holy Spirit Calibration
DISPLAY HIS LOVE	John 13:34-35	Live with Compassion
BEAR FRUIT	John 15:7-8	Cultivate our hearts
MAKE DISCIPLES	Matt.28:18-20	Carry the Gospel

The 6 pillar characteristics above are important to our church 'ohana. For further study, please look up the Scriptures for each pillar.

We are committed to faithfully observing, interpreting and teaching God's Word with accuracy and integrity. We value strong, healthy relationships and believe that genuine fellowship is essential to our faith community. Above all, we recognize that growing as people of prayer is vital—not only for deepening our relationship with God but also for strengthening our connection with one another.

*All the believers devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper, and to prayer.** 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. Acts 2:42-44 NLT*

HEART CHECK

Illustration - Stethoscope, Blood Pressure Unit

The Holy Spirit through the Scriptures - checks in on our hearts health.

The Greatest Commandment

“You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind. And, love your neighbor as yourself.” – Luke 10:27 (NLT)

C.A.R.S. – The Order Matters

Just like a well-maintained vehicle, our lives run best when things are in the right order.

- **Character** – Who you are and what you believe shapes your...*attitude*.
- **Attitude** – How you think, feel and behave influences your...*relationships*.
- **Relationships** – How you connect with and treat others impacts your...*service*.
- **Service** – What you do and how you do it reflects your C.A.R. in life.

But **beware!** If you put **S** before your C.A.R., it can **S.C.A.R.** your relationships.

By focusing on developing Character, Attitude and Relationships, your Service will naturally become a meaningful and rewarding overflow of a well-aligned life.

Ask God to empower and equip you to keep your C.A.R. well-maintained—for His glory and faithful Service!



CHARACTER

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. Romans 5:3-4 NLT

ATTITUDE

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. 5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Philippians 2:4-5 NLT

RELATIONSHIPS

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:34-35 NLT

SERVICE

17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. 22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. 23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. Colossians 3:17, 22-24 NLT

OUR MISSION

We seek to grow a mānoa (solid - vast - deep) relationship with God and one another, with Jesus' Great Commission (Luke 10:27) and Great Commandment (Matt. 28:18-20) as our highest priority.

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 NLT

The man answered, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27 NLT

Jesus replied in Verse 28 *And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."*

It is our **MY** Pastor's desire to intentionally shepherd God's family, making disciples who grow in love with the Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit and people, while sharing Jesus' aloha with the world.

Love God | To deepen and grow our love for God, being transformed through His Word, prayer and fellowship.

Love People | To love others with Christlike character, reflecting and sharing God's aloha in our daily lives.

It is my desire for our church family ...to grow a mānoa (solid - vast - deep) relationship with God and one another...

OUR HISTORY

Our campus ([here at MPI](#)) was established in 2007 by Pastor Wayne Cordeiro of New Hope O'ahu (NHO) and New Hope International (NHI). Pastor Rod has served as our Senior Pastor since **January 2015**. While our church operates with full autonomy, we remain under the covering of New Hope O'ahu, our mother church (NHO). Pastor Rod is a licensed and ordained Foursquare Pastor.

- [2007-2015 // 5 pastoral changes in those 8 years](#)
- [Our accounting is done by NHO | we have a separate account](#)

OUR STRUCTURE

New Hope O'ahu (NHO) is our mother church and Pastor Rod serves as our Senior Pastor. Supporting him in this calling, our church council plays a vital role in fostering healthy relationships, ensuring fruitful ministry and stewarding our finances with integrity. Together, they help guide and uphold our church 'ohana, keeping us aligned with God's purpose and mission. Church Council:

- Randal Yoshida
- Todd Takata
- Mike Nelson
- Rodney Murashige

Governance

Senior Pastor | Council | Leadership Team

BELONGING to New Hope Mānoa

There are many local church families, but we cannot overemphasize this truth: **God has One Church and One Family.** As followers of Jesus, we are all members of **His Family—and Jesus is our Head Pastor!**

At NHM, membership is **informal**, yet we believe—just like in any family—there should be a level of **commitment, responsibility and accountability** to one another.

- What does it mean to be committed, responsible, accountable?
 - Small Groups - prayer partner - devotional group
 - POINT 3 // 3 C's to Belonging...Commitment
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As a church family, we strive to live out genuine love by honoring, supporting and **caring** for one another, especially in times of need.

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. 10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. 11 Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. 12 Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. 13 When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. Romans 12:9-13 NLT

We pray you experience a true sense of belonging and community within our church family. Your consistent presence at our Sunday services and involvement in a small group will not only deepen your faith, but also help you form lasting friendships and meaningful connections.

Pastor Rod has prepared a thoughtful list of questions to help guide your journey as you consider becoming part of our church family.

Our goal is to be **inclusive and intentional not exclusive**, as we cultivate a community built on growing healthy **Christ-centered relationships**.

Practical questions to consider.

- Do you consider NHM your home church? **CHURCH HOME**
- **In this Season** - Do you consider Pastor Rod your pastor?
- Do you have his cell number?
 - 808.216.5493 c. | rod@enewhope.org
- Does he have your cell number?
- Are you willing to offer some of your time, talents and resources as an expression of worship to God and a way to serve our church family?

**** ADD - Do you agree with the 3 C's of Belonging to NHM?**

- Can a non-Christian belong to NHM?
- YES they can belong - as they journey towards becoming a Christ follower.
- They can belong to our family...as they journey to belong to God's family.

If you answer "Yes" to the above questions, consider yourself a family member of NHM.

How do you measure the implication of belonging to the family of NHM

We'd love for you to complete the "INFORMATION" card. Give it to Pastor Rod or one of our leaders.

this commitment is for my pastoral heart, stewardship!!!

I need to know who is among us - for care, support, prayer...

INFORMATION FOR PASTOR

Name:

Cell phone

Email

Which church ministry are you interested in learning about or serving in?

What gifts, talents or hobbies do you have that you could use to serve others or support our church family?

Learning more about New Hope Mānoa

Stay Connected with New Hope Mānoa!

 **Website** | www.newhopemanoa.tv – Find weekly announcements, Sunday teaching notes and key church information. Links to our Facebook and YouTube pages are also available.

 **YouTube** | Watch past teachings and other inspiring videos. Search *New Hope Mānoa* on YouTube.

 **Facebook** | Follow *New Hope Mānoa* for updates, and ways to stay connected with our church family.

 **Mānoa Weekly Email** | Every Friday receive an encouraging message from Pastor Rod along with important church updates.

Stay informed, stay engaged and grow with us!

REFERENCES | Learning more about NHM

- Kingdom Membership Teachings | Part I & II (Video on NHM Youtube)
- List of “59 One Another’s.” (Handout)
- The Culture of our ‘Ohana. (Handout)

So what now? NEXT STEPS? * Information for Pastor

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Fill in the blanks | Answer Key

Pg.1 Kingdom family

Pg. 2 together | Covenant, believe | Community, belonging

Pg. 3 Commitment, build

Pg. 6 beware

Pg. 7 Character, Attitude, Relationships, Service

Pg. 10 caring