

YES STATEMENT 2026

I say “Yes” to King Jesus and to the following declarations and ways of living as part of Northeast Church.

OUR AIM/ Together living the beautiful way of Jesus for the glory of God and the good of the next generation.

OUR VALUES/ We believe the way of Jesus is the best, most beautiful way to be human. Together with the brothers and sisters from Northeast Church, I commit to these core values.

KING JESUS / As a Church we value King Jesus above everything else. The unfolding story the Scriptures tell about the world is that it is indeed severely broken, and the way it becomes the kind of place we can only imagine is for the whole world (including us) to have a righteous King ruling over it. Here is the Good News: **Jesus is that King!** We give our allegiance to Him. We aim to live the way of His Kingdom. And we long to see His Kingdom come more and more.

AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS / As a Church we value authentic relationships. We believe that in King Jesus we are a Kingdom people who are forgiven and redeemed, and who, in response to GOD’s great love for us, are called to live in a Kingdom way together. Therefore, in the midst of the messy and hard reality of being the Church together, we keep showing up with sacrificial and sincere love for one another.

INTENTIONAL FORMATION / As a Church we value intentional formation. This means that we train together toward living the beautiful way of Jesus. From the Scriptures, we believe that we become more and more like Jesus by His grace and the power of His Spirit and also through a lot of time and effort. Our main method for this is a shared rule of life. This shared rule is a set of rhythms and practices we are learning together to adopt into our lives and our life together as a Church.

JOYFUL PARTICIPATION / As a Church we value joyful participation. It is our earnest desire that every single person — young and old, women and men, those who have been around the Church for a long time and those who are on the newer side — not settle for being a passenger along for the ride but rather joins in as a joyful participant in what God is doing among us. In our Sunday morning gatherings, we participate by drawing near to GOD and ministering unto Him. And in our life together, we participate by serving according to the needs around us and our unique gifting.

THE NEXT GENERATION / As a Church we value the next generation. We believe that our calling is to deeply invest in the formation of our children, youth, and young adults. Because of this, we include them, pray for them, prioritize them, and shape our missional focus and efforts around them. We long to see a powerful move of God within the next generation.

THE CITY / As a Church, we value the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana. We love, learn from, and partner with the Church throughout the city (and beyond). And in partnership with our Brothers and Sisters, we actively love our city both in word and in deed.

OUR SHARED RULE OF LIFE, with a lot of grace and joy and in response to God's great love for us, we are learning together to adopt a shared set of Kingdom practices into our lives and our mission as a church. In all of this, we long to see a movement of God to form people who are committed to King Jesus, to one another and to a way of living, thus resulting in transformed lives, a transformed city, and transformed generations.

We engage the Scriptures daily; We bring the Good News in word and deed; We devote ourselves to prayer; We do meaningful work; We enter into meaningful rest; We choose restraint; We confess our sins; We serve in the power of the Holy Spirit; We do justice.

OUR BELIEFS AND OUR SACRAMENTS / As a church, we hold to the essentials of the orthodox Christian faith as revealed in the Scriptures and articulated by the Church in the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed. In non-essentials but important doctrines, we maintain unity together in Jesus. Together, we commit to boldly hold to the essentials, to humbly maintain unity with non-essentials, and to lovingly live according to **our belief statement**.

We learn from the Scriptures and from church history that there are certain rites and rituals God has given us that are designed to be sources of grace, formation, meaning, and life. We honor the perspectives of the various streams of the Jesus movement around the world, and as a Church we observe two sacraments: **baptism** and **the Lord's Supper**. For more details about our beliefs, go to <https://nefw.org/about/our-beliefs>.

Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Signature

The main purpose of the annual YES Statement is to unify us together within Northeast Church. In addition, the YES Statement also has a governance purpose as well. We use this as a way to define our membership as an organization. If you sign this statement, maintain active involvement in the church throughout the year, and meet the following criteria as outlined by our Constitution, you will be eligible to become a voting member of the Fellowship of Northeast Church.

_____ **I am 18 years old or older**

_____ **I have been baptized**