

New Hope Assembly of God Worship Team Policy & Requirements

1. Born Again Christian

Worship team members must be a born again Christian and be striving to grow in Christ.

2. Committed Member of the Church

Worship team members must be members of New Hope and committed and consistent in attendance and participation in the church.

3. Submission to the Leadership of the Church

The worship team is a ministry of New Hope and is under the direction and authority of the pastor and leadership team. The worship leader and worship team should seek to fulfill and complement the vision and goals for the church, including the worship at all meetings. Worship team members must be willing to submit to the worship leader and to the pastor and leadership team of the church. The pastor and leadership of the church must approve every member of the worship team and they have the right to refuse membership on the worship team or to remove someone from membership on the team should it be necessary or appropriate.

4. Godly Character

The worship team of the church is an important and visible ministry of the church. Worship team members must represent the church and have a lifestyle of Godly character. Worship team members should have a good reputation in the church and in the community and have a lifestyle above reproach. Their lifestyle should cause no one to question, struggle or stumble if they know them or see them outside the church and then on the stage in the church. If anyone is practicing any kind of serious sin such as drunkenness, drug use, sexual sin, serious outbursts of rage etc. It would not be appropriate to be on the worship team. If any worship team member is living any kind of lifestyle deemed inappropriate by the pastor and leadership team of the church, that member will have to step down from the worship team.

5. A Worshipper

Worship team members should be a model of worship in corporate meetings and have a heart of worship in daily life, regularly thanking and worshipping God. In other words, one should be a free and expressive worshipper in all of the services of the church. If one doesn't worship in the congregation, they shouldn't be on the stage in worship ministry. The goal of our church is not to merely perform skillfully for God but to have a worshipful heart and a demonstration of worship.

6. Team Player and Servant Leader

Because the worship team exists to honor, glorify, and to serve God, it is important that every member have a Christ-like attitude in their relationships with one another. They must be a team player; submitted to and working with other members of the team. The attitude should be to serve in any way needed, even if it means playing or singing in a style or manner we do not necessarily prefer.

7. Gifting

The giftedness of worship team members is subject to evaluation by the worship team leader(s), pastor, and leadership team. Musical skill and ability is necessary and required but does not necessarily guarantee membership on the worship team.

8. Appropriate and modest dress

Worship team members should dress in a neat, clean and modest manner. No immodest clothing should be worn by worship team members. This includes sleeveless tops, short shorts or short skirts & dresses, low necklines, tight-fitting clothing, or clothing that exposes the hips or stomach. No chewing gum. Be sure to consider when dressing that clothing remains modest when lifting hands or bending and bowing. Please dress so that you are not a distraction, whether positively or negatively, to the congregation in which we are leading into God's presence. Our goal is to keep their eyes off of us so that they may see and experience the living God.

9. Attendance and Commitment to Worship practices

Worship team members are expected to attend all practices for the particular service that they are participating within. If a worship team member is unable to attend a practice or if they will be running late for a practice, they should notify the worship leader *in advance*. Otherwise, you will not be permitted to participate in that service unless special arrangements have been made prior to the practice. Exceptions will be made on an individual basis only for special circumstances (such as illness, serving in another ministry, etc.). Failure to notify the worship leader *in advance* when unable to attend a practice/service and/or arriving to practices/services late three times within a calendar year will result in removal from the worship team for a three month duration.