

Grace Community Church Membership Application Process

Introduction:

At GCC we take church membership very seriously. We have developed the following process to help us better oversee your request for membership in our congregation. Our prayer is that this process will give you and our elders (pastors) the very best opportunity to make informed godly decisions about this very important step in your life.

Purpose:

Our goal in all that we do at GCC is to honor the Lord. We want to do God's business God's way. This application and the membership process are simply tools used by our elders to better ascertain your spiritual condition and readiness for church membership. There are several reasons why our elders need to assist you with this.

1. They are responsible for member's souls as they provide watchcare over God's people knowing that elders are accountable to God for their work (Hebrews 13:17; Acts 20:28; 1st Peter 5:1-5). It is a matter of integrity and faithfulness of our elders.
2. The Lord calls Christians to spiritual unity, like-mindedness, and peace with one another (Ephesians 4; Col. 3:12-17, Philippians 2-3; I Thessalonians 5:12-15). Church membership officially involves individuals in a corporately shared commitment of loving and serving one another. It is a matter of integrity and faithfulness for the congregation.
3. Your personal investment in the shared ministries of GCC will stand to impact you, your family and the congregation. Prudence and care demand that a thorough inquiry be made before this commitment takes place. It is a matter of integrity and faithfulness for you.

Procedure:

1. Complete the application (one per prospective member).

2. Return the completed application to one of the elders.
3. The elders will review your application and follow through in whatever manner is appropriate.
4. When the elders receive you they will recommend on a Lord's Day that the church officially receive you for membership following completion of the new members class.

May the Lord guide us through this process, as we trust His will to be done for our good and for His glory.

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Name (please print) Last _____, First _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Date of Application _____.

Note: Please attach extra pages as necessary.

Have you read the Statement's of Faith for Grace Community Church? _____

Do you agree with the statements completely? _____ If not, please briefly indicate your disagreement(s) and/or area (s) of concern so that our pastors can discuss this with you. _____

Have you read and are you in agreement with the constitution and bylaws of Grace Community Church _____ . If not please point out area(s) of disagreement _____

Our Constitution and Bylaws containing our church covenant and statement of faith indicate the beliefs, vision and practices of Grace Community Church. The application document is a statement of the member's commitment to the people of GCC, to the teaching and leadership of the pastors, and to the

overall philosophy and direction of the church. Are you prepared to make this commitment? _____

Are you currently under church discipline by another church? _____ If yes, please explain the details on a separate sheet of paper.

Is there anything that we should be aware about you personally or any past church issue _____? Please explain _____.

Are you presently a member of a church? _____. If so—what church? _____ Why are you leaving that church? _____

Have you been baptized by immersion since your salvation? _____ If not, are you willing to be baptized? _____

What ministry interest or involvement have you had and what ministries are you currently interested in? _____

Please write or type out your understanding of the gospel and testimony of salvation. This will serve as a guide for you and help the elders better understand your understanding of the gospel.

Signature _____.