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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Prospective Member:

Broadly speaking, there are two ways to view membership in a local church. One is to view it as a motivational tool. Many churches encourage relatively new folks (2-4 weeks) to become members. Such a commitment can be motivational as the new member thinks, "Now that I'm a member, I really should consider serving in a particular ministry of the church." This approach offers the new person a quick sense of official identification with the church. It also provides a way to "qualify" people for ministry roles (choir, teaching, coordinating events, etc.). It can, however, result in decision-making by people who are not adequately aware of or committed to the church's philosophy of ministry.

For this reason the Chapel has chosen to adopt an alternative view of membership. Rather than motivating for ministry, we view membership as an added step of responsibility for those who are already motivated and have been serving in various capacities for some time (usually six months or more). There is no membership qualification for serving in most Chapel ministries. Only elders, deacons, home group leaders and staff are required to be members. This approach results in a membership that is committed to the Chapel's doctrinal statement and philosophy of ministry (small groups, missions, local evangelism, etc.). Six or more months of participation allows the prospective member to know if this is where the Lord can minister to and through him (see questions 10-12 on the application). He has, hopefully, gained a realistic picture of the Chapel (read "disappointed", "seen the problems") and is called to be part of the solution.

Prayerfully consider what God would have you do concerning membership. If you would like to join, the steps are:

1. Carefully read the constitution and goals documents.
2. Participate in the next membership class.
3. Complete a membership application (attached) and return it to the Chapel's office.
4. An elder will meet with you and discuss the application, our philosophy of ministry and where you may wish to serve.
5. Sign the members covenant.

I hope this helps as you consider this vital step. Please don't hesitate to call if I or any of the elders can help you think it through further.

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APPLICATION FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Believing that God has led me into fellowship with the people of the Peninsula Community Chapel and has burdened me to share in its total ministry, I hereby make application for membership.

1. Name _____ Birth Month/Year _____
 First Middle Last

2. Address _____ Phone _____
 Street City Zip

Email _____

3. I am (please check): ___ single ___ married ___ divorced ___ remarried ___ separated ___ widowed

4. Name of Spouse (if applicable) _____

Names & ages of children (if applicable):

5. Other family members living in your home _____

6. Place and type of employment:

You _____

Spouse _____

7. How long have you lived in the area? _____

8. How long have you been attending the Peninsula Community Chapel? _____ (months/years)

9. Have you attended the membership class? Yes No (if yes, please give the date) _____

10. List church activities which you attend:

Regularly

Fairly Regularly

11. In what ways do you or have you served God at Peninsula Community Chapel? List:

12. Please list your spiritual gifts, natural abilities and interests for ministry:

13. Other experiences and service done which would equip you to serve the Lord in the Peninsula Community Chapel:

14. Are you currently a member of another church? Yes No

If yes, list the name of the church, the pastor and address where you have your church membership presently.

Church _____ Address _____

Pastor _____

15. What church did you attend just prior to coming to Peninsula Community Chapel?

Church _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Pastor _____

16. Are you currently under any form of church discipline? (Yes/No) _____

17. Share your testimony of how you received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Please relate how and when you were born again and something of your growth in Christ and your present relationship with Him.

18. Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit? (Yes/No) _____

19. For what reasons do you wish to become a member of the Peninsula Community Chapel?

20. I have carefully read the constitution & bylaws of Peninsula Community Chapel and fully agree with the stated doctrines, purposes and emphases. I am willing to make the commitments required of members as stated in Articles VI and VIII (Section A).

Signature

Date of Application