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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 6 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.

Garrett Spitz
Lead Pastor

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 at PCC:

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)_____

If Yes, Please explain: _____

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



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having been led by the grace of God through the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit to repent of my sin and in faith turn to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and having given public testimony through baptism, I now joyfully and solemnly enter into this covenant with the members of Peninsula Community Chapel (hereinafter CHURCH):

- I commit, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to affirm and follow the Basic Beliefs in the Church Constitution, to walk together in love, to remember one another in prayer, to help one another in times of need, to exercise gentleness and humility in our dealings with one another as we speak the truth I love, to be faithful in our responsibilities and commitments, to be just and honest in our dealings and to honor ourselves and others for Christ's Sake through sexual purity, personal integrity, and abstaining from things or practices which bring harm to our faith or the faith of another.
- I commit to faithful participation in times of worship, prayer, study, and fellowship with other believers, to the building up of the church by using our spiritual gifts in ministry, to contributing cheerfully and regularly for the ministry and expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel to the world.
- I commit to practice personal and family worship, to train our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, and to seek the salvation of our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances, and all peoples of the world.
- I have read the Articles, Constitution, and Bylaws including but not limited to those policies dealing with church discipling, conflict resolution and members' rights and responsibilities and agree to be bound by the Articles, Constitution and Bylaws and accompanying policies and procedures.

Signature of Member _____ *Date* _____

Printed name of Member _____