



Application for Membership

Thank you for pursuing membership at College Church. Membership in a local church body is an expression of your commitment to Christ and participation in his global body. Members have the privilege and responsibility of serving, giving and otherwise participating in the life of the congregation, for, as we are united to Christ, he unites us to one another by his Spirit. *“As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house.” (1 Peter 2:4-5)*

DIRECTIONS: 1. **DOWNLOAD** THIS FORM TO YOUR COMPUTER. (IF YOU PREFER, YOU MAY PRINT A BLANK COPY AND WRITE OUT YOUR ANSWERS.) 2. **TYPE** YOUR ANSWERS IN THE SPACES PROVIDED AND SAVE TO YOUR COMPUTER. 3. **RETURN** YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION BY A) SAVING YOUR FINAL VERSION AND ATTACHING IT TO AN EMAIL AND SEND TO membership@college-church.org, B) TURNING IT IN AT THE MEMBERSHIP CLASS, OR C) PUTTING IT IN AN ENVELOPE LABELED “MEMBERSHIP” AND GIVING IT TO THE CHURCH RECEPTIONIST DURING BUSINESS HOURS. THANK YOU.

Today's Date _____

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Nickname _____ Gender Male Female

Title: Rev. Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss PhD Other _____

Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Preferred Email _____ Other Email _____

Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Separated Divorced

If applicable, your spouse's name _____ If applicable, the date of your marriage _____

PLEASE CONTINUE TO THE NEXT PAGE...

For Elder action only:

Interviewing elders:

(Elder #1 name - please print)

(Elder #2 name – please print)

(Elder #1 signature)

(Elder #2 signature)

Elder Recommendation: Yes No

Interview date: _____

For office only:

Class dates attended _____

Dates published in Connections: _____

Date application was received _____

Date of Elder vote: _____

Class of Membership

Seeking Regular Membership

- This is my first church membership
 - I have been a church member elsewhere
- Where was your most recent membership?

Church name _____

Pastor _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

OR

Seeking Associate Membership (if you wish to retain membership at another church also)

Home Church _____

Pastor _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Questions regarding baptism

Please check as appropriate:

- I was baptized as an infant.
- I was baptized as a young person or adult.
- I have not yet been baptized.

Please tell us the approximate date, denomination and/or name of church where you were baptized.

Questions regarding College Church involvement

If you attend an Adult Community, which one do you attend? (e.g., Legacy, Veritas, Joint Heirs, etc.) _____

If you are in a small group, who is the contact person for the group? _____

In what ministries have you served or are you currently serving?

What do you believe are your gifts that could be used in ministry opportunities?

Are there any College Church ministries for which you would like more information?

Questions regarding your testimony

PLEASE USE THESE QUESTIONS TO SHARE YOUR CONVERSION EXPERIENCE WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS.

Please tell us about your understanding of the gospel and how you came to trust Jesus for forgiveness and salvation.

How is your faith impacting your life today as you follow Jesus?

If you were to die tonight and found yourself at the gate of heaven and God were to ask you, "Why should I let you in?" how would you respond?

What are at least two ways that you try to live your life in a manner that is pleasing to God?

College Church Membership Interview

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE USED BY THE ELDERS FOR FOLLOW-UP.

- I. **Conversion:** The Elders will review your testimony and may ask you the following questions:
- A. Suppose you were to die tonight and stand before God and he were to say to you, “Why should I let you into my heaven?” what would you say?
 - B. Describe for us in your own words how you came to trust in Christ.
 - C. What has been the impact of that conversion on your life?

II. **Theology:**

- A. The Articles of Faith are included in the College Church Manual and can be found online here. Please indicate your response to each item below:

ARTICLE I: We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are given by inspiration of God, are without error in the original writing, and are the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

Agree Disagree I have questions

ARTICLE II: We believe in one God – the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, existing in a divine and incomprehensible Trinity – God the Father; the Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit – each possessing divine perfection.

Agree Disagree I have questions

ARTICLE III: We believe that our first parents were created holy and upright, that they fell from this condition; and that in consequence the whole human race is by nature dead in trespasses and sins.

Agree Disagree I have questions

ARTICLE IV: We believe in the incarnation, death, and bodily resurrection of the Son of God; and that salvation is attained only through repentance and faith in Him.

Agree Disagree I have questions

ARTICLE V: We believe in the necessity of a radical change of heart and that this is affected through the truth, by the agency of the Holy Spirit.

Agree Disagree I have questions

ARTICLE VI: We believe that the Christian is called with a holy calling to walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Because he has become a new creation in Christ Jesus and is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, yet during his earthly pilgrimage never delivered from the flesh with its fallen nature, he must be in constant subjection to Christ and His commandments by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Agree Disagree I have questions

ARTICLE VII: We believe that only those should be admitted to membership in the visible Church who have experienced a change of heart.

Agree Disagree I have questions

ARTICLE VIII: We believe the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper together with the observance of the Lord's Day are of perpetual obligation in the church. Recognizing both immersion and affusion as valid, we leave the determination of the mode of adult baptism to the candidate. Provision shall always be made for the baptism or dedication of infants of believers. (Matthew 28:19, 1 Corinthians 11:24-26, Exodus 31:16-17, with Matthew 5:17-18.)

Agree Disagree I have questions

ARTICLE IX: We believe in the resurrection of the dead and future judgments from which the righteous go away into everlasting life and the wicked into everlasting punishment.

Agree Disagree I have questions

ARTICLE X: We believe in the personal, bodily return of Christ in power and great glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords and in Christ's ultimate, complete triumph and the establishment of "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Agree Disagree I have questions

B. Please read the **Standards of the Christian Life** and select one of the following statements:

- I agree with the Standards of the Christian Life
- I disagree with the Standards of the Christian Life
- I have questions.

C. Please read the **Membership Covenant** and select one of the following statements:

- I agree with the responsibilities and privileges outlined in the Covenant.
- I disagree with the responsibilities and privileges outlined in the Covenant.
- I have questions.

III. **Morals and Ethics**

1) Questions regarding the past:

- a) Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No
- b) Have you ever been convicted of child abuse or a sexual offense? Yes No
- c) Have you ever been disciplined by a church? Yes No

2) Questions regarding the present:

- A. Sexual purity: Are you seeking to honor Christ with your body, and are you refraining from sexual immorality? Yes No
- B. Business/work ethics
- a. Are you a law-abiding citizen? Yes No
- b. Are you completely honest in all your business dealings? Yes No
- c. Is your reputation above reproach in your business, work and community contexts? Yes No

IV. Divorce

Please speak to a pastor or director if you are currently separated, or have ever been divorced, so that we would know how to best care for you as a member of College Church. You may follow up with the leader of this class for next steps. Click here to view the **church's policy** on divorce.

Membership Declaration

Having read College Church's **Articles of Faith, Standards of the Christian Life** and **Membership Covenant**, I hereby declare my agreement with them and my desire to become associated with the Church as a regular or associate member.

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TWO PAGES...

Family information

Please any children under age 18, at home

Name: _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yy): _____

Name: _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yy): _____

Name: _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yy): _____

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If you, or one or more of your children, are attending college, please complete the following:

Student's name: _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yy): _____

College name and address: _____

Year expected to graduate and other info (e.g., grad school, med school, etc.) _____

School email address: _____

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Information for Introducing New Members to the College Church Family

After your membership is official, a brief description of you with your photo will be published in Connections to help connect you with members of our congregation. To help us do that, please provide the information requested below:

- 1) Please tell us about your family, where you have lived and any church connections.

- 2) If applicable, tell us the name of your spouse and the place and date of your wedding.

- 3) If applicable, tell us the names and ages of your children and grandchildren. Do you have other relatives at College Church?

- 4) What kind of work do you do? Are you a homemaker, a student or retired? Are there any former positions you'd like to tell us about?

- 5) What do you like to do in your free time? (hobbies, interests, community service, etc.)

- 6) Coming to College Church
 - a) Tell us when and why you began attending:

 - b) Your involvement so far:

 - c) How are you looking forward to growing and serving at College Church?

Thank you for the time you invested in completing this application!