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WHAT IS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

We define church membership as:

Church membership is (1) a covenant of union between a particular church and a Christian, a covenant that consists of (2) the church's affirmation of the Christian's gospel profession, (3) the church's promise to give oversight to the Christian, and (4) the Christian's promise to gather with the church and submit to its oversight.

WHY IS MEMBERSHIP IMPORTANT?

- It helps defines for the pastor's/elder's who their flock is as they will give an account to Jesus for those under their care.
- It helps us carry out the rescue mission of church discipline.
- It helps give us a sense of belonging & commitment to this local body.
- It best reflects the covenant relationship we have with God.
- It helps protect the church from legal ramifications.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE A MEMBER IN ORDER TO BE IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE?

- Because of what membership represents, members are the most qualified people to be in a leadership position.
- Often, if people are not willing to be held accountable, to go public with their faith through baptism, or to commit to leading people into a relationship with Jesus Christ, it can be an indication that they are not ready to lead others within the church environments.

WHAT ARE THE PREREQUISITES TO BECOME A MEMBER?

- Have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Have been baptized.
- Have 12 months of regular attendance at Living Grace.
- Are willing to support this ministry with time, talents, and treasure and are willing to be held accountable to the church in Worshipping, Growing and Serving.
- Be involved in community through a Home Group.
- Serving in some capacity within the church or its ministries.
- Attendance at the New Members Class.
- Signing and giving full support to the LG Covenant of Fellowship, By-Laws, and Statement of Faith.