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*Thank you for your interest in Truth Community Church. This application is a means to know you better and inform you about the responsibilities of membership. Please contact one of our elders if you have any questions you'd like to have answered.*

### YOUR CONVERSION

*Church membership is limited to those individuals who show evidence of true conversion to Christ and have the maturity to undertake the responsibilities of formal membership.*

- I am confident that I am a Christian.
- I am not confident that I am a Christian.

On a separate sheet of paper please provide your personal testimony of faith in Christ, using the following outline. Use Scripture to support your understanding whenever possible.

1. Explain how you came to understand that you were a sinner.  
*Before I became a Christian, I . . .*
2. Explain how you heard the gospel, were convicted of sin, and turned to Christ.  
*I heard the gospel when. . .*
3. Explain how your life now shows the marks of being a true Christian.  
*I know that my salvation is real because. . .*

### YOUR BAPTISM

*Believer's baptism by immersion is a condition of membership at Truth Community Church.*

- I have read and affirm Truth Community's position paper on baptism.
- I have been baptized by immersion since I became a Christian.
- I have not been baptized by immersion, but I am willing to be so baptized.

## THE DOCTRINE OF TRUTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Truth Community Church subscribes to The Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689. We understand our members will have different levels of understanding of its doctrine. Membership does not require absolute conformity of belief, but does require you to (1) affirm the Confession as far as you understand it, (2) identify any known areas of disagreement, and (3) commit to receive instruction peaceably and without divisiveness.*

- I have received a copy of *The Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689*.
- I have thoroughly read the *Confession*.
- I do not have any known disagreements with the *Confession* (OR)
- I disagree with the *Confession* in the following particulars:

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- I understand that Truth Community Church holds to The Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689. If I have identified any areas of disagreement above, I understand that the elders will determine whether my disagreements are consistent with membership and I will accept their decision without dissent. I agree to abide by the Confession as it is interpreted and applied by the elders.*

## THE LIFE OF TRUTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Membership involves more than Sunday attendance; it means serving the body of Christ and following the leadership of the elders in the spirit of the Bible's teaching.*

How long have you been attending Truth Community? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you attend Truth Community?

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Why do you want to become a member of Truth Community?

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The elders of Truth Community oversee the church. Please describe, in your own words, the significance of Hebrews 13:17 for your future participation in the life of our church.

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If you are approved for membership, will you submit to the biblical oversight of the elders?

- Yes                       No

Have you thoroughly read the *By-Laws of Truth Community Church*?

- Yes                       No

Have you thoroughly read Article 5, Section 8 regarding our practice of church discipline?

- Yes                       No

Do you agree to abide by the *By-Laws* as they are interpreted and applied by the elders?

- Yes                       No

Are there areas of ministry in which you would like to serve? Please explain.

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### YOUR PRIOR CHURCH EXPERIENCE

*Our elders will be able to provide better pastoral care to you and your family if we know something about your prior church background.*

Did you attend another church before you came to Truth Community?

- Yes                       No

If "yes," please complete the following:

Name of church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently listed as a member at this church? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now, or have you ever been, subject to church discipline from another church? If so, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

- Yes                       No

## THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

*If the elders approve your application, you will be asked to make the following affirmations in a public setting before you are formally received into membership.*

1. Do you believe the Bible, consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, inerrant Word of God, and its doctrine to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation?
2. Do you confess that because of your sinfulness you abhor and humble yourself before God, and that you trust for salvation not in yourself but in Jesus Christ alone?
3. Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your sovereign Lord and do you promise, in reliance on the grace of God, to serve Him with all that is in you, to forsake the world, to mortify sin, and to lead a godly life?
4. Do you agree to submit in the Lord to the doctrine and government of this church and, in case you should be found delinquent, to heed its discipline?
5. Do you agree, as a faithful steward of Christ Jesus, to pray and to give of your time, talent, love, and resources in such measure as God prospers you so that the people and work of Truth Community Church may flourish under the hand of God?

Will you make those affirmations publicly, relying upon the Holy Spirit to fulfill them?

Yes

No

I hereby request to become a member of Truth Community Church. I understand my application is subject to approval by the elders at their sole discretion.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Elder's Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_