

The “Whys” and “Hows” of Church Membership

JOIN THE CHURCH

Here is why you should become a member of Union Church.

MEMBERSHIP IS GOOD FOR YOU. WE NEED ONE ANOTHER.

The idea of an independent Christian is totally alien to the New Testament. It's hard enough to live a normal life in this place let alone a life of Christian values. Christians don't normally grow in isolation. That's the reason why God created the church. We all need to grow in our relationship with Christ and to become all God designed us to be. Here at Union Church, in commitment to Christ and one another, we can grow more effectively. A sense of belonging and participation is a great support in the battle against all that drags us back into mediocrity.

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Working with no denominational or other outside support, we rely upon members to provide all our servant leadership. The more members we have the greater our effort in impacting our English-speaking community. We need your wisdom and participation. Help us grow; share the vision of spreading the fellowship to many more.

BECOME A MEMBER OF UNION CHURCH

With the help of our Lord and all our united efforts, we can lead more meaningful lives. As we share together, we can more effectively fulfill God's desire for each of us, our families, and our community.

If you would like to talk about membership, or want more information about Union Church, call the office and ask to speak with one of the elders.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

A. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:

There are two types of membership available.

1. People who are only members here at Union Church are called "members."
2. People who desire to retain membership in a home church but still participate in the life and work of Union Church are called "Dual (Affiliate) Members." Dual members are accorded all the rights and privileges of membership.

B. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Our Church constitution states it this way:

- A person may become a member of this Church by presentation of a letter of dismission (letter of transfer) from any Protestant Church.
- By solemn affirmation of having been received as a member of a Protestant Church.
- By declaration of faith in God through Jesus Christ and a loyal purpose to work with others through the Church for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on earth.
- By an acceptance of the Union Church Covenant as our commitment to Christ and His Church.

C. THE PROCEDURE FOR JOINING:

Complete a Membership Application and return it to the church office.

Receive the recommendation of the Board of Elders.

Meet with the Pastor and/or Elder representatives.

Be welcomed by the congregation at any worship service.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please fill out a **separate** application for **each** person who is seeking membership.

1. Name: _____

2. Address in Guatemala: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

3. Former home or permanent address: _____

4. Former church: _____

Pastor and address: _____

5. How do you wish to be received into the union church membership?

Confession of faith (A declaration of faith in God through Jesus Christ.)

Letter of transfer (A letter of transfer from any Protestant church)

Reaffirmation of Faith (A solemn affirmation of having been received as a member of a Protestant church.)

6. Do you wish to retain membership in your home church? (dual membership) _____

7. Do you wish to be baptized? _____

Confirmed? _____

Other? _____

8. Date and place of birth _____

mm/dd/yy

9. Date and place of baptism _____

10. Briefly describe how you became a Christian. _____

11. Date and place of confirmation or public profession of faith. Approximate date is fine.

12. Single Married Date and place of marriage

mm/dd/yy

13. Name of your spouse:

14. Names of children: Birth date School grade

mm/dd/yy

mm/dd/yy

mm/dd/yy

mm/dd/yy

15. Business or occupation

Address

Phone

16. Have you taken the Membership ("Who Are We") Class?

17. In applying for membership, do you give assent to the Church Covenant?

THE UNION CHURCH COVENANT (What we promise to God and each other.)

"Thankful for God's abundant goodness, and for His great gift of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, I hereby covenant to seek to know and do His will, and promote, as far as I can, the interests of Christ's Kingdom.

"Accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and the Bible as the Word of God, and believing in the province of private interpretation of the Scriptures, I seek fellowship with all who devoutly love the Lord Jesus Christ and adopt His way of discipleship as set forth in the New Testament.

"Realizing that the success of the Church depends on the consecration of its individual membership, I covenant to attend services, to contribute to its support, to labor to maintain its peace and harmony, and as far as possible, in every way to promote its temporal and spiritual welfare."

Signature

Date