

THE WESLEYAN CHURCH APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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We are delighted by your desire to join our church!

Membership in this church is about BELONGING to God's family and this local church family.

It Involves:

- Relationship - it begins with a personal relationship with Christ
- Discipleship - its goal is to be fully devoted followers of Christ, through relationship to this local church.
- Ministry - it calls for us to recognise, develop and fully use our gifts and abilities to serve Christ and others.
- Unity - it calls for us to work together in unity and to demonstrate loyalty and accountability to the church family and its leadership in serving Christ.

Its Benefits:

- **Believing** - Membership helps people identify the essential beliefs taught in the Bible, and how these beliefs impact our lifestyle, relationships and our witness for Christ within the Church and beyond.
- **Belonging** -- Every person being served by our church needs a sense of belonging, which in turn give church a wonderful opportunity to enhance the discipling process
- **Building** - The task of building (or discipling) our believers Is the paramount task of the Church, and is best accomplished through the membership process
- **Blessing** - A members is expected to do what makes life worthwhile contributing and serving with the ultimate goal of reaching the world for Christ.

4. Do you accept the Wesleyan Methodist Church's Mission, Articles of Religion, Elementary Principles and authority of the Handbook in matters of church government? _____
5. Are you a member of another local Wesleyan Methodist Church desiring to transfer to this congregation? If so, please give its name and address so that we can notify them of this change. _____
6. Are you currently a member of any other local church or religious body? if so, please give its name and address so that we may notify them of your new membership. _____
7. Do you accept the following summary of our Articles of Religion as your statement of faith? _____

Do you believe in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit? That Jesus Christ the Son suffered in your place on the cross; that He died but rose again, that He now sits at the Father's right hand until He returns to judge all people at the last day, that the Holy Scriptures are the inspired and inerrant Word of God, that by the grace of God every person has the ability and responsibility to choose between right and wrong, and that those who repent of their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are justified by faith, that God not only counts believers as righteous, but that He makes them righteous, perfecting them in love at entire sanctification and providing for their growth in grace at every stage of their spiritual life, enabling them through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to live a victorious life? _____

8. Do you recognise your obligation to God and the Church, and do you purpose to contribute your resources as the Lord has prospered you for the support of the gospel as the Church fulfils its mission in the world?
9. Will you support the church with your faithful attendance and with your service, time and talents, seeking God's glory in all things?

10. Interview

- a. Person _____ Date ___ / ___ / _____
- b. Outcome of Interview _____

- c. Date of Membership ___ / ___ / _____

Its Commitments:

- They are at least 16 years of age
- Confession of a personal experience of being born again and a pledge to seek diligently until sanctified wholly if until that grace is received.
- To be baptised
- Acceptance of the Articles of Religion, the Membership Commitments, the Elementary Principles and the authority of the Handbook in matters of church government.
- A commitment to live a life directed by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, in the light of the Filter Questions and Collective Conscience Statements.
- A covenant to support the church, to live in fellowship with the other members, and to see God's glory in all things.
- Where a person, because of conscience, cannot fully agree with the summary doctrines, we offer Community Membership, which limits them in leadership roles and voting on membership matters.

Membership Classes

It is recommended that membership classes be attended prior to completing the following application. These are run from time to time as required or in life cells (small groups).

Interview

You will need to meet with the Pastor or a representative to complete this application process.

SUBMIT THIS SECTION FOR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

This information will assist us in the process of receiving you as a member. Thank you for completing each part. Give this application to the pastor or membership class leader for the processing by the Local Board of Administration.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: _____ Date of Birth ___ / ___ / ___

Maiden Name (if married) _____

Mailing address. _____

Phone _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

COVENANT MEMBERSHIP

1. Are you fully committed to Christ as Saviour and Lord?
 - a. Do you have the witness of the Spirit that you are a child faith in God _____ Briefly tell how you found faith in Christ. (Attach separate page as required.) _____
 - b. Do you have the assurance that you are experiencing a clean heart through the infilling of the Holy Spirit? If not, do you purpose to diligently seek this grace?
 - c. Have you been baptised? _____ If so, when and in what church?

2. Are you committed to ongoing growth towards Christ-likeness? ____
3. Are you committed to a life guided by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit in the light of the filter questions? _____