

# Cornerstone Membership



Please fill out your response to ALL of the questions and commitments below and as well provide your signature and date at the end. Thank you.

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

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**CHRIST-CENTRED:** Disciples cultivate a lifelong personal relationship with God through Christ, increasingly reflecting the likeness of Jesus in all aspects of life. This relationship begins with personal acceptance of the saving work of Christ, followed by baptism as a believer, and is nurtured through ongoing spiritual disciplines.

1. Have you been baptized as a follower of Christ?<sup>1</sup>

2. If yes, describe when and where. If no, do you intend to be baptized?

**CONNECTED:** Disciples honour God's call to participate in Christian community. For this reason, Christ-followers are committed to relational connection in a small group, class, or team of believers for the purpose of mutual encouragement, support, accountability and serving together.

3. Are you currently connected to a group or team of believers at Cornerstone for the purposes of growth, loving support and accountability? If not, do you intend to connect with some type of group in the near future?

<sup>1</sup> While we respect the religious heritage of those who have been baptized as infants, we believe that the Scripture teaches baptism should come after one has personally received Christ. While not a requirement for membership, we prefer that a person be baptized as a believer by his or her own choice before becoming a member of Cornerstone. (Your baptism does not need to have occurred at Cornerstone, though.) If you have not been baptized since you became a Christian, we encourage you do so at an upcoming baptism service.

4. Are you willing to commit to biblical patterns of conflict resolution (see Romans 12:18; Matthew 18:15-17), diligently doing what you can to pursue peace and reconciliation wherever needed in your relationships in church, family, work and elsewhere?

**CONTAGIOUS:** Disciples seek to extend the love and grace they've received from God to others through sharing their faith, inviting the unchurched to church services and events, and participating in the church's various outreach ministries to the community and the world.

5. With God's help, are you willing to develop further in reaching out to others with God's love and truth regardless of where you are in this area presently?

**CONTRIBUTING:** Disciples discover, develop and deploy their unique, God-given spiritual gifts to serve others and further the ministry of the church. Through a lifestyle of good financial stewardship, they also build God's kingdom by the practice of regular tithing and offering.

6. Do you know your spiritual gifts and strengths? If so, what are they? (If not, take our online assessment at [cornerstonechurch.ca/spiritual-gifts-test](https://cornerstonechurch.ca/spiritual-gifts-test), and consider attending the [Strengths Workshop](#)).

7. Are you currently using your spiritual gifts in a place of service in the church? (If not, are you willing to consider serving? (For a listing of serving opportunities, check out [cornerstonechurch.ca/serving-opportunities](https://cornerstonechurch.ca/serving-opportunities)).

8. Will you strive, with God's help, to live a life of good financial stewardship, regularly supporting Cornerstone using the tithe<sup>2</sup> as a goal to reach and surpass as God leads and prospers? (For giving options check out [cornerstonechurch.ca/give](https://cornerstonechurch.ca/give)).

<sup>2</sup> Note: "The tithe" is 10% of one's gross income given back to God. It is the standard measure of giving throughout biblical history, and therefore we believe that as followers of Jesus we should aim to adopt at least this standard. In response to the incredible sacrifice of Jesus Christ who left the glories of heaven to become a human being and die on a cross for us (Philippians 2:5-11), we ask that Cornerstone's participating members support this church with their tithes. We realize that for some, tithing will be a goal to work toward over time, and for others it is already a benchmark they can maintain and even surpass as God leads.

**CELEBRATING:** Disciples give priority to the corporate gatherings of the church for the purposes of worship, receiving biblical teaching, and participating in the sacrament of communion.

9. In light of God's call for his people to assemble on a regular basis for corporate worship, do you intend to regularly participate in Cornerstone's Sunday services? If not, is there a special reason?

**MY MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT**

By the grace of God, I commit myself to Jesus Christ and to the local expression of His church at Cornerstone Christian Community Church, affirming:

- That I have personally put my trust in Jesus Christ to be my Saviour and Lord. I believe that my sins have been forgiven and that I have been made right with God through Christ's sacrificial death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead. Through Christ's work alone, I have the assurance of eternal life. I affirm that Jesus is the only path to salvation, and I will seek to make him the centre of my whole life, and follow him all of my days.
  
- I have watched the Cornerstone's DNA videos and affirm Cornerstone's Vision and Mission Statements as described on pages 11-12 of the Membership Class Manual.
  
- I affirm Cornerstone's Statement of Faith on page 16-19 of the Membership Class Manual.
  
- I pledge cooperation to the pastors and those in leadership positions in the church.<sup>3</sup>

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Signed

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Date

<sup>3</sup> Scripture in no way teaches blind submission to spiritual leadership. Should Cornerstone members have a concern to discuss, they are encouraged to go to the appropriate leader to engage in open, honest, constructive dialogue. Complaints should never be taken to uninvolved members of the church body in ways that risk divisiveness or the spread of rumours.