
"Go therefore and
make disciples of all
nations, baptizing
them in the name of
the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy
Spirit, teaching them
to obey everything I
have commanded
you and know that I
am with you always
even to the end of the
age."

-Jesus-



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Membership

GLEN LAKE COMMUNITY
REFORMED CHURCH

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WHAT IS A CHURCH MEMBER?

We are glad you asked! Membership is a funny word that carries lots of potential baggage with it. Some people think of joining a club, while others think of the moment when they were not good enough to be a member of something. Church membership is different.

The church is a group of people. It's not a building or an event, but a group of people want to be a part of what God is doing in the world and in our local communities.

Anyone who believes in God and professes Jesus as Lord and Savior is welcome to join GLCRC. It's not about perfection, but rather about profession. The church is not perfect because it is made up of imperfect people who God is transforming day after day.

In joining a local church, whether GLCRC or elsewhere, you are publicly saying that you want to be a part of the mission and vision that God has given that body and want to fully serve your brothers and sister in Christ.

HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER?

There are two ways you can become a member depending on where you are at in the journey of faith:

Profession of Faith

Profession of faith is a time in which somebody can make a first time commitment to following Jesus Christ. This is a celebratory moment in which the church gets to witness God's faithfulness in the promises that were made at baptism. If you were not previously baptized this would be a great moment to be baptized

Transfer and Reaffirmation of Faith

If you have been baptized and professed your faith in Jesus Christ publicly, this is the route for you. Most people do this if they are coming to GLCRC from another church or if they have been distant from the church for a long time and now want to recommit to joining the local church in mission.

When you are ready to join the GLCRC church family, talk with one of the pastors or elders who would be happy to help you out!

F.A.Q.

Do I need to be a part of a church to be a Christian?

The Christian life is meant to be lived out in community, not on our own. The church is also the platform that Jesus decided to carry on his mission with. It seems as though since Jesus saw it as important, we too should see it as important.

I have been hurt by the church before and am scared to join another church...

We are sorry that this has been your experience. The church is made up of broken people who unfortunately hurt each other, although this is not how it is supposed to be. Our encouragement to you is to not give up on the church because the church is hurt when you are not here to bring all of your gifts and talents.

Can I serve the church in additional capacities as a member?

Yes! As a member of GLCRC, you can bless our church by serving on our consistory (leadership team) which is made up of our elders and deacons. You will also be able to vote at our annual congregational meeting on issues such as the church budget.