

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Membership at Grace Community Church

1. **Why should I/we join the church?**

Many people have different reasons for joining a church. The most common reason may be for fellowship and a sense of “belonging” to a local family of God. Other reasons may be to participate in the commissions or boards of the church, to teach a Sunday School class, or to have a place for baptism, marriage, and funerals.

I guess there may be as many different reasons to join a church as there are people attending! It is important to try to gain a sense of how God is leading you, because a local church is a place where the Bible is taught and spiritual growth is encouraged.

2. **Is Grace Community Church affiliated with any denomination?**

The simple answer is no. Grace church was initially founded by seven different denominational groups to be “One church co-operating, not many competing,” as an early advertisement reads. Since then Grace has been a true community church, welcome people from all faith and religious backgrounds. So we are non-denominational, non-sectarian, yet believing in and teaching the Bible as God’s divinely inspired revelation to mankind.

3. **Are there membership dues or attendance requirements?**

Again, the simple answer is no. Giving financially is a private matter between you and God. The church believes in and encourages tithing and offerings, yet there is never pressure from the pulpit or otherwise concerning one’s voluntary giving.

There are no attendance requirements. Our by-laws explain that an “active” member is anyone who attends Grace at least once in a calendar year, and/or gives a financial gift at least once in a calendar year.

However it may be assumed that in joining the church, a good faith effort will be made to find one’s place in the various ministries and outreaches of the church. This is predicated upon the assumption that we grow to the extent we are willing to serve. This service should be a joyous outflow of the life of Christ within. Nearly every voluntary association functions with willing volunteers. In the context of the local church, opportunities abound in the choir, orchestra, cantata’s, Bible classes, ministry commissions, ushering, Sunday Schools, etc.