

Christ Redeemer Church Membership Application

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Membership in a local church is one of life's most important decisions. The Bible assumes that individual Christians will be attached to a local, defined group of fellow Christians (known as a local church) to serve one another in various ways, and to be led and equipped by the pastors of that defined group, all under the Chief Pastor, Jesus Christ.

Jesus asked the Father to unify his followers so that "the world may believe that you sent me" (Jn.17:21). The apostle Paul pleaded with the church to have "the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind" (Phil.2:2). In pursuit of such unity, we'll ask members of CRC to agree on a few significant points: 1) Belief in Jesus, 2) agreement on various theological/biblical positions, and 3) commitment to life together according to our Church Covenant.

The following questions are intended to help CRC leadership to identify agreement with these points. Answering them will be the **first step** toward membership in CRC. **Another step** will be to participate in our *CRC Basics* Sunday class—either in person when the class is available, or by watching the class videos online—which will help to acquaint you with the basic mission, vision, and theological distinctives of CRC. **Finally**, we ask that you sit for a membership interview with one of the pastors.

Thank you for taking time to step through the process to membership with us! Please submit this completed form directly to Pastor Thomas on an upcoming Sunday morning. You can also email to thomas.rydland@christredeermn.org.

Contact Information

Today's date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Birth date: _____

Spouse's name (if applicable): _____

Children living at home:

Name/age: _____ Name/age: _____

Name/age: _____ Name/age: _____

Name/age: _____ Name/age: _____

Questions

1. The Bible promises: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). "Do you so believe in the Lord Jesus? ___ Yes ___ No

Please briefly explain what you mean by this profession of faith. What does it mean that *you* "believe in" Jesus? What does it mean that *you* are "saved"? How is this reflected in your life?

2. The Bible poses the question in light of saving belief in Jesus: “What shall we do?” The Bible’s direction is: “Repent and be baptized” (Acts 2:38).

Have you been baptized *since*, or, *in response to* saving belief in Jesus?
___ Yes ___ No

If you have *not* been baptized *since* believing in Jesus, please explain why:

3. Are you in substantial agreement with the positions and commitments espoused in the following documents, having no *settled* convictions to the contrary:¹

CRC Congregational Affirmation of Faith? ___ Yes ___ No
CRC Church Covenant (including our Relational Commitments)? ___ Yes ___ No

4. *Have you read the CRC Elder Affirmation of Faith? ___ Yes ___ No

[*Note: One need not agree to all parts of the Elder Affirmation of Faith (EAF) in order to *become a member* of CRC. However, the applicant should understand that CRC leadership *joyfully* holds to the EAF, and, all of the leadership’s teaching, preaching, discipleship, and counsel will accord with positions held in the EAF.]

5. Have you completed the *CRC Basics* class in person or through the online videos?² ___ Yes ___ No

If not, have you worked through the class content in another way as directed by a pastor? ___ Yes ___ No

6. For how long have you been involved with CRC?

6. Please share why you would like to join CRC membership?

¹ These documents, including the Elder Affirmation of Faith, may be found on the CRC website at www.christredeemermn.org/core-documents

² CRC Basics Class videos can be found on Vimeo here: <https://vimeo.com/album/3801177>

