

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Del Rey Church Membership Application.

Once your membership application is completed and signed, make a copy for yourself. Then, turn in the signed and completed application to Lucy Lundegard in the church office for processing. You will be contacted to schedule an interview with an Elder and one other Del Rey Church member.

If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Lucy Lundegard, in the church office, by email at connect@delreychurch.com or call (310) 823-4275.



Del Rey Church

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please mark the below that apply to you:

- I am a real Christian.
- I have read the New Testament as a Christian.
- I have been baptized by my own volition (it was my free choice as a believer in Christ).
- I regularly attend Del Rey Church Sunday worship services.
- I officially belong to a ministry of the church, in which I regularly volunteer.
- I give on a regular basis to the church offering in proportion to my income.
- I have attended the membership class (WELCOME HOME).
- I completed all of the assignments (e.g. readings, etc.) for the membership class.
- I agree with the philosophical, ethical, ministerial and doctrinal stands of the church.
- I have signed the membership covenant (see last page of this document).

If all of the above are complete please proceed with the application for membership. Before you fill this out, we want to say THANK YOU for taking the time to do this, because it spiritually safeguards our community and helps us in the mission of making disciples for the glory of God.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND OF MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATE

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Full address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Ext: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Do you have a website or blog? Yes No *If so, what is the web address?* _____

Are you on Facebook? Yes No *If so, what is your profile address?* _____

Do you hold membership in any groups, sororities, societies or belong to any organizations? (e.g. NRA, NAACP, etc.)

If yes, please list them: _____

Describe your interests:

List your hobbies:

EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Are you a homemaker? yes no If no, please answer the below about your current employment:

How long have you worked at your current job? _____ Is it? full-time part-time self-employed

Name of company what is your position?

Name of direct supervisor phone or email of previous supervisor

If you are a husband, does your job adequately supply for the needs of your family (1 Timothy 5:8)? Yes No

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED, please answer the below:

Are you? retired or unemployed

If you are retired, when did you retire and what was your occupation? _____

If you are currently unemployed, what was your last occupation? _____

If you are unemployed, how long have you been without work? _____

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT:

I used to work at (most recently):

Name of company Name of direct supervisor phone or email of previous supervisor what year(s)?

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Did you leave any of the above previous jobs out of personal sin, divisiveness, or due to immature reasons that you have come to regret (e.g. a fight with someone, something petty, etc.) or because you were asked to leave?
 Yes No (If yes, please explain below)

EDUCATION

- () Currently in High School () High School Graduate () Some College
- () Tech/Trade/Community College Grad. Degree in: _____ what school: _____ (State: _____)
- () College Undergraduate Degree in _____ from which school: _____ (State: _____)
- () Masters or Advanced Degree in: _____ from which school: _____ (State: _____)
- () Doctorate in: _____ from which school: _____ (State: _____)

CHURCH BACKGROUND

How did you first hear about Del Rey Church? _____

I started attending Del Rey Church in (year): _____ If within last year, which month? _____

Which service do you regularly attend? 9AM 11AM

What DRC small group do you belong to? (Mens group, book club, home fellowship, etc.) _____

As a child, I grew up:

- Attending a Christian church very regularly Attending regularly and actively participating in a Christian church
- Attending a Christian church semi-regularly Attending a Christian church sporadically or just on holidays
- Not attending a Christian church of any religious group meetings
- Not attending a Christian church, but we did go to other religious meetings (e.g. Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, etc.)
- Not attending a Christian church, but we did attend a Christian cult (e.g. Mormonism, True Jesus Church, Jehovah Witnesses, Oneness Pentecostal, Christian Science, LA Church of Christ, Seventh Day Adventist)
- (If you've attended a cult, do you renounce as a lie of the devil against the gospel? _____)

If applicable, list the 3 most recent churches where you attended prior to or in addition to Del Rey Church:

Church Name	Pastor's name	Denomination	City / State	Years attended

Did you leave any of these churches on bad or stressful terms? (explain)

1. Why did you decide to attend Del Rey Church?

2. If you attended or belonged to a church before coming to Del Rey Church, why did you leave that previous church?

3. Have you ever been involved in a church split or ever left a church out of personal sin, divisiveness, doctrinal disagreement(s), immature reasons that you have come to regret (e.g. a fight with someone, didn't like the music or something petty) or under church discipline (i.e. you were asked to leave)? If so, please explain.

4. What is your ministry at Del Rey Church (Sunday School, Missions Team, Community Group host, Youth Ministry, etc) at our church?

5. What are your spiritual gifts and how are you using them at church? (see 1 Cor. 7:7, 12:8-10, 28; Eph. 4:11; 1 Pt. 4:11; Rom. 12:6-8)

6. Why do you desire to become a member?

Candidates for membership must be referred by a member in good standing at Del Rey Church. Please list a reference, who knows you and will testify to your character?

Name (first and last)

Email address

SPIRITUAL AND LIFE JOURNEY

1. When and how did you become a Christian? How do you know you are saved?

2. When and where were you baptized? (If baptized as a baby or before conversion please explain)

3. What are some of your favorite Christian books and authors?

4. When and where did you first get serious about church?

5. Have you ever been formally disciplined? If so, by who, how, etc. (please explain)

6. What area of your discipleship needs to grow?

7. Are you married? If married, describe your relationship with your spouse? Is your spouse a Christian? If not, please explain.

8. Do you have children? If so, are your children walking in the ways of the Lord? If not, please explain.

9. Are you single? If so, are you currently or have you recently been involved in a relationship that is sexually immoral? Are you living with someone of the opposite sex? If so, explain.

10. Which of the following do you feel best describes where you currently are in your spiritual journey with Jesus Christ?

() **1 - Backsliding Christian believer:** In the past (approximate age(s): _____), I had a genuine love for God and had asked Jesus Christ to be my personal Lord and Savior. In recent years, I have been out of fellowship with the Lord, have not been active in a Bible-believing church, have not developed or maintained close Christian friendships, and have spent little or no time in the Bible.

() **2 - New/Young Christian Believer:** I have recently become a born-again Christian and I am excited about my new relationship with Jesus Christ.

() **3 - Recommitted Christian Believer:** I have been a born-again Christian for a long-time, but am only recently discovering God's deep love for me and His desire to work in and through my life.

() **4 - Stable/Growing Christian Believer:** I have been walking for years as a consistent disciple, growing in my grasp of God's word and selflessness. I am confident of God's active working and leading in my life. I look to Him and His word on a regular basis. I am regularly involved on a weekly basis in a Bible-believing church and I look for ways to serve the Lord and others.

() **5 - Mature Christian Believer:** I have a deep and consistent walk with the Lord. I am actively attending, giving and serving on a weekly basis in our church. I can explain and defend Christian doctrine and I share the gospel with others who do not know Jesus. I understand my spiritual giftedness and actively use my time, gifts and resources to bless the church and reach out to the world.

(For those who checked #1 explain on a separate piece of paper what is going on)

11. What do you currently do to grow in your relationship with the Lord?

12. Please describe any personal weaknesses, addictions, repeated sins, areas where you need to grow, or special concerns that could affect your witness or ministry as a member of our church.

13. In light of the above question, do you understand the teaching of Matthew 18 and our calling to correct sin? Would you submit yourself to the process of church discipline for sin? Do you see the importance of excommunication for the unrepentant? By His grace, this will never be an issue, but do you submit yourself to this public community calling to deal with sin?

11. In the WELCOME HOME class we covered ethics, were there any ethical positions of the church that you disagree with (for example we passionately oppose the pro-choice abortionist movement, we think gluttony is sin, homosexuality is immoral behavior, drugs are bad, greed is evil, etc.)? Please explain if you have a different stance on anything or if you are indifferent to any ethical convictions we have.

BASIC THEOLOGY QUESTIONS:

(This is not a theology test, but we want to see you grasp basic doctrinal matters. If something is unclear, please ask)

~~F~~^Q Do all religions ultimately lead to God?

~~G~~^Q Is God just for sending people to hell forever? Why?

~~H~~^Q Were Adam and Eve real historical people (not myths) made by God and not the product of evolution?

~~I~~^Q Briefly explain the doctrine of the trinity?

~~I~~^Q Briefly explain who Jesus Christ of Nazareth is and how He is both fully God and man.

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î ĘWhat is the gospel?

ï ĘDo you believe in the doctrine of verbal and plenary inspiration of the Bible and the doctrine of inerrancy? If so, what are these doctrines?

ì ĘWhat is the doctrine of justification? Why is this an essential doctrine to our faith?

J ĘWhy do we believe salvation is a gift from God and not a mere human choice?

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F~~EA~~ Why is it important for us to believe in the reformation convictions of: solus Christus, sola gratia and sola fide?

F~~EA~~ What is the doctrine of baptism in the Holy Spirit and why is it important to be clear that this occurs upon conversion?

F~~EA~~ Can someone lose their salvation? Explain your answer.

F~~EA~~ Are you a continuationism or cessationism? Are you able to get along with those who hold the opposite view as you?

F~~EA~~ Why don't we baptize babies at Del Rey Church? What is your conviction?

F1 0 Since the Bible clearly teaches only men can be ordained as pastors, we do not ordain or call women pastors. What is your conviction and understanding on this often divisive matter?

F1 0 Do you have a problem with our church rejecting the movement/message of Emergent theology, radical feminism, relativism, postmodernism, or Roman Catholicism?

F1 0 What would you say to God today if He were to ask you the question, "Why should I let you into My heaven?"

I have read and I understand the church's **Doctrinal Statements and its approach to ministry** and I willingly affirm them, agree to be bound by them and promise to defend them with true conviction.

yes no initial here: _____

Waiver / Release

I, the undersigned, give my authorization to the Del Rey Church representatives—hereafter referred to as The Church—to verify the information on this form. The Church may contact my references and appropriate government agencies as deemed necessary in order to verify my suitability as a church member. I am willing to request and submit to the Church background reports on myself from the Department of Social Services central registry and/or other appropriate authorities.

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or churches listed in this application to give you any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for any ministry in this church. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by The Church, I hereby release any individual, church, organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature that may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family, because of compliance or any attempts to comply, with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the constitution, statement of faith and policies of The Church, and to refrain from conduct unbecoming to Christ in the performance of my services on behalf of The Church. If I violate these guidelines, I understand that my volunteer status may be terminated. By signing this application, I state that all of the information given about myself is true.

I hereby certify that I have not knowingly withheld any information that might adversely affect my chances for admission. I further certify that I have personally completed this application. I understand that omission or misstatement of material fact(s) on this application or on any attached documentation shall be grounds for rejection of this application or for immediate expulsion if I am admitted for membership, regardless of the time elapsed before discovery.

I further state that **I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF, AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN ACT.** This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understand.

Print name

Signature

Date

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Application received by: _____ on ____/____/____

Application reviewed by: _____ on ____/____/____

Membership interview scheduled by: _____ on ____/____/____

OR the following alternative steps are recommended:



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

After receiving Jesus as my only Savior, Lord and supreme treasure, I was baptized to display the gospel of the triune God and now as a baptized-believer I covenant myself in membership with this church, sharing knowledge and passion in her doctrines, convictions and philosophy of ministry as a community in Christ. I have fulfilled the necessary requirements for membership in this church and by the grace of God will continue in the mission of the gospel as a member of this church.

I wholeheartedly affirm and will be held accountable to:

- The Creeds of the Church (Apostles, Nicene, Chalcedon)
- The Solas of the Reformation
- The DRC Statement of Faith
- The Resolutions of the EFCA (as of 2011)
- The Danvers Statement
- The Chicago Statement of Inerrancy
- The Theological Vision for Ministry (GC)

I agree to be held accountable to:

1. Sunday worship - I will anticipate and attend weekly Sunday church gatherings
2. Sacrificial giving - I will give consistently and sacrificially in proportion to my income
3. Small group – I will be in a smaller group of believers for accountability and fellowship.
4. Serving in church – I will regularly service in a ministry with others at church
5. Sharing love and intercession – I will love, fight for unity and pray for others at church
6. Standing in sound doctrine – I will declare and defend sound doctrine and theology.
7. Studying Scripture and Theology – I will read the Bible and study its teachings
8. Sanctification at home – I will make my home a reflection of the church with Christ as head
9. Spreading the Gospel – I will share the gospel verbally with the lost
10. Submission to biblical leadership – I will follow church leadership in a biblical manner (Heb.13:17)

I covenant myself to be held accountable to God in this community to glorify Him and honor His word, the Bible in all that it says. I understand that it will be by God's grace that I flourish in this covenant, so by the power of Christ living in me and the Spirit indwelling His church I will live for the glory of God. I also understand that I am responsible to be disciplined, fight sin, stay in fellowship and feed upon the word of God. I know fully and submit myself completely to any consequences that may come if I may be found unrepentant in sin and in breaking this covenant, which will include not only the ruin I may bring to others but also my public discipline in the eyes of the community and removal from membership and the privileges therein. By the grace of God, I joyfully enter this enter this covenant. May the joy I have in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit sustain me in this covenant and use me to edify and strengthen His local body at Del Rey Church. To God be the glory! Amen.

Signed: _____ Date: _____