

MEMBERSHIP



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Dear friend,

Thank you so much for your interest in church membership! Here at Mill Creek Community Church, we hold the matter of church membership in high regard. We are called to be disciples making disciples for God's glory, and we believe membership helps keep us accountable as we pursue that mission.

The global church has a blemished track record of permitting members to become observers. Being a member is more than being on a membership roll or having access to an exclusive website. We are committed to a biblical model that reflects God's heart for His church. Consider these words from Romans 12:

"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them." (Romans 12:3-6a)

At Mill Creek, we see membership as a mutual commitment – where each party acts responsibly toward the other. Members who enter into a covenant with their local church commit to a higher degree of responsibility and service. The elders and leadership commit to love, lead, teach, aid, provide counsel, care for, and pray for members.

Being a member of Mill Creek is really about being part of a committed community of faith. All members are disciples of Jesus, unified by their identity in Christ. This unity is expressed in the way they collaborate together loving God, loving fellow Christians, and loving the world around them.

On the next few pages, you will find an overview of the membership process (p.4), an application form (p.5) and our membership covenant (p.6).

If you have questions about church membership, the procedure, or the information in this packet, please contact me at: **david@mymillcreek.com** or **913-441-4444 x107.**

Thank you!
David Robinson
Connection Pastor

WHAT IS THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS AT MILL CREEK?

As you think about making a decision to commit in membership, we want you to **know** exactly what it means to join and what **is required** of our members before asking you to make a decision.

Explore

- *Join us for Sunday morning worship gatherings! We believe that the Bible is central to all we do, and we'd love to have you join us as we sing the Word, pray the Word, preach the Word, read the Word, and see the Word through baptism and communion.*
- *Attend our 2-week "Membership Class" - For those considering membership, we offer a 2-week membership class 4 times throughout the year where we'll look at "why" and "how to" become a member here, as well as talk through our beliefs and Membership Covenant. Attending this class doesn't make you a member, nor does it mean you have to become one, but it's a great way to learn more about what we mean by commit-connect-serve.*

Apply

- *Paperwork - We'd ask that you then fill out an application (on the next page), then write out a one-page "faith story". This should include the following:*
 - Your name
 - Have you come from another church? If so, please share why you're no longer there.
 - An account of how you came to faith (no more than ½ of a page)
 - Your answer to the question, "What does the Gospel mean to me?"
- *Baptism - If you have not been baptized following salvation, we ask you to take this step before becoming a member. Baptism is intended only for those who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and can give sufficient testimony to the basics of Christian beliefs. We baptize by immersion because it is not only the original significance of the word but also best symbolizes the reality to which baptism points—our death and resurrection in Christ.*

"Know & Be Known"

- *Membership Mentors - The purpose of providing an optional Membership Mentor at this point is to allow you an opportunity to get to know others at Mill Creek. One of the benefits of meeting with a Membership Mentor is to work through some of the questions you'll be asked in the upcoming Elder Interview. *We are glad to assist you in finding a membership mentor!**
- *Elder Interview - The final step in becoming a member is to meet a few of our elders, who will listen to your testimony, talk through the Membership Covenant, get to know you better, and answer any questions you might have. Once you fulfill the requirements of membership and sign the covenant, it is our joy to introduce you to the congregation as a Covenant Member! You will then be linked with one of our elders, who will be a primary "touch point" person for you as you continue as a member here.*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please return to Pastor David Robinson or the church office.

(One form per person, please)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ (home)

_____ (cell)

Birthdate: _____

Email address: _____

Children:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

1. Do you know Jesus Christ as Savior? Yes _____ No _____

2. Have you been baptized since your conversion? Yes _____ No _____

If not, are you willing to be baptized? Yes _____ No _____

3. How long have you been attending Mill Creek?

4. What areas of ministry have you been involved in, either at Mill Creek or elsewhere?

5. Are you in agreement with Mill Creek's Statement of Faith (www.mymillcreek.com/sof)? Yes ___ No ___

If not, please explain:

6. Are you familiar with, and willing to submit to, the Bylaws of Mill Creek? Yes ___ No ___

(Please note: a link to our by-laws can be found at: mymillcreek.com/membership)

7. Please give the name of the church where you have most recently attended. Were you a member there?

MILL CREEK MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

MILL CREEK MEMBERS:

I gladly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. I will seek to obey God's Word, trust in the gospel, and pray. I agree with and support our church's statement of faith. I commit myself to the mission of disciples making disciples for God's glory.

I will grow more like Jesus by sharing Christ where I live, work, and play; gathering for corporate worship; living on mission in gospel-centered community; and investing in other disciples. I will use my spiritual gifts, encourage church planting, give generously, expect mutual care and accountability, and submit to my elders.

MILL CREEK ELDERS:

By God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we will shepherd Mill Creek members so that you would walk worthy of the Lord. We desire to present you as mature in Christ, fully pleasing to God and bearing Spiritual fruit.

We as elders, sobered by the reality that we will give an account for those under our care, do joyfully commit to this sacred responsibility for the glory of God and the good of this church.

As shepherd-elders, we will humbly lead this flock to trust the gospel, feed this flock the word of God, protect this flock from false doctrine, and care for this flock in love and prayer.

MY DECLARATION:

In a responsive act of worship to God, I declare that I agree with these membership commitments. As a member of this church, by God's grace, I will seek to fulfill these commitments as unto the Lord.

I accept the responsibility to notify Mill Creek leadership if at any time I believe I can no longer commit to this covenant, or if I have questions, comments, or concerns regarding my responsibilities as a member of Mill Creek Community Church.

Applicant's Name: _____
Applicant's Signature: _____
Today's Date: _____
Elder's Signature(s): _____
