

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. I, _____
 am **18 years of age or over** and applying for
 membership with Evangel Community Church.
 I have been attending Evangel since:

**(Four months is the minimum attendance
 required before membership.)**

The Board of Deacons may waive this
 requirement:

- (a) for those transferring membership from
 another church;
- (b) by granting a special reinstatement for
 former members who may return.

My former affiliation has been with:

_____ church at _____
 phone _____

The pastor's name is:

As a member in good standing, I am
 requesting a transfer of membership.
 Yes _____ No _____

2. I have been born again (*John 3*) and have the
 full assurance of salvation.
 (*Romans 10:9, 10*).
 Yes _____ No _____

3. I have been baptized in water as a believer.
 (*Matthew 28:19*).
 Yes _____ No _____

4. I have experienced the baptism of the Holy
 Spirit according to *Acts 2:4*, "And they were all
 filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other
 tongues as the Spirit enabled them."
 Yes _____ No _____
 If not, do you believe in this experience?
 Yes _____ No _____
 Will you earnestly seek this experience?
 (*Acts 1:4, 8*) Yes _____ No _____

5. I will endeavour to live a consistent Christian
 life according to New Testament standards.
*Romans 6:4; I Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians
 4:17-32; 5:3-6, Galatians 5:19 – 21,
 Hebrews 13:4; I Corinthians 6:15 -18, 7:12;
 Romans 1:16 – 2:11.*

Yes _____ No _____

6. I am currently a financial supporter, and will
 continue to be a regular financial supporter, of
 the church with my tithes and offerings.

Yes _____ No _____

7. I am in accord with the principles, practices
 and doctrines of the Pentecostal Assemblies
 of Canada and Evangel Community Church.

Yes _____ No _____

8. I will be faithful in attendance and will work for
 harmony and fellowship with the pastors,
 church leaders and fellow Christians at all
 times.

Yes _____ No _____

9. I am currently participating in a ministry.
 Please list: _____

10. I commit to spend time each day in personal
 devotions.

Yes _____ No _____

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***I understand that the above are pre-requisites
 for membership with Evangel Community
 Church.***

Date: _____

Signed: _____

FOR THE CHURCH RECORDS

(Please Print)

Name: _____
 (Given) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____

 (City) (Postal Code)

Phone Number: _____

Birth Date: _____

Occupation: _____

Company Name: _____

My marital status is:

_____ Single _____ Married
 _____ Widow(er) _____ Separated
 _____ Divorced _____ Remarried
 _____ Other _____

Spouse's Name: _____
 (Given) (Middle) (Last)

Birth Date: _____
 (Day) (Month) (Year)

Anniversary: _____
 (Day) (Month) (Year)

Names of Children Living at Home: Birth Dates

My tithe number is: _____

Please assign me a tithe number Yes _____ No _____

Getting to know about our Church Standards

Psalm 133 says that goodness and happiness are found where brothers dwell together in unity. The standards that we embrace as a church are important to us. We believe them to be based upon the Bible and directed to lead us into lives that will please God.

Those who are seeking membership and service in the church must be born again (*John 3:5-9*), and give clear evidence that Jesus is Lord of their life. (*Romans 10:9, 10*)

Applicants should have received, or be earnestly seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit (*Acts 2:4*) and live in harmony with the doctrines of this assembly. It is also expected that applicants be baptized in water by total immersion since this is a clear command of our Lord (*Matthew 28:19*).

Members at Evangel should develop the practice of daily prayer, Bible study, personal witnessing, a faithful attendance at worship and a willingness to share in the ministries of this assembly in love and harmony.

Members of this church should seek to live a "holy" and consistent Christian life according to New Testament standards.

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Getting to Know About Church Membership

I seldom talk about church membership, but I believe in it strongly. Here are six reasons why...

1. ***Church Membership fulfils our instinctive desire to belong.***

It is a fact of human nature that we need to link ourselves with others who we feel need us as we need them. Membership binds the people of God closer together and provides a wonderful family with which to share the highs and lows of life.

2. ***Church Membership encourages a positive commitment to all phases of God's work.***

Jesus constantly called for dedication and commitment. God's work is only built on the faithful. Membership gets our "roots" down into the good work of the Lord! Christian stability and strength result from such fellowship.

3. ***Church Membership is Biblical.***

The earliest days of the church saw people "joining", or "being added." In fact, the word "church" is identified 95 times in the New Testament as the local "congregation." Most of the New Testament is directed to these groups found in Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, etc.

4. ***Church Membership makes good business sense.***

The book of Acts is filled with examples of church "business." They pooled their finances, elected deacons and church leaders, called special prayer meetings, shared talents and ministries, and sent out missionaries. Clearly, the church was organized and efficiently managed.

5. ***Church Membership provides a home base for Gospel outreach.***

As the previous statement points out, the church was able to do together what they never would have been able to do alone. The world was evangelized because churches sent and supported workers.

6. ***Church Membership nurtures growth.***

Jesus "builds" His church. The more we have of people who are sold out to God and active, participating members of a local group of believers, the more we will see substantial and significant growth.

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