Have you been born again by the Spirit of God? Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Are you in agreement with our Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you been baptized in water by immersion since you trusted in Christ? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you been attending Gospel Chapel for at least 3 months? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Are you 18 years of age or older? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Do you currently hold membership in another church? *(If yes complete below)* ☐ YES ☐ NO

Were you attending another church before coming to Gospel Chapel? *(If yes complete below)* ☐ YES

NAME OF CHURCH

TOWN OR CITY

PROVINCE POSTAL CODE

NAME OF A PASTOR OR CHURCH LEADER

CONTACT NUMBER

Membership shall consist of the following: *(Article 6.2)*

(1) Regular Members. Persons 18 years of age and over who fulfill the requirements of Article 6.1 shall be known as regular members.

(2) Junior Members. Persons between the ages of 12 and 18 who fulfill the requirements of Article 6.1 may be eligible for junior membership. Such membership does not qualify for voting privileges at congregational business meetings.

BECOMING A MEMBER OF GOSPEL CHAPEL

Local Church Constitution Article 6.1

Persons desiring to become members of this local church shall give credible profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. They shall give evidence of compliance with the biblical standard of Christian practice and manifest spiritual growth by giving evidence of the fruit of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22, 23 NIV).

They shall refrain from "acts of the sinful nature: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like" (Galatians 5:19-21 NIV). Sexual immorality shall be interpreted to mean common-law marital relationships, pre-marital and extra-marital sexual relationships (1 Corinthians 6:15-18; 7:1-2; 1Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4), and all forms of homosexual activity, along with other practices deemed inexcusable for Christian conduct, and which place a person under God's judgment (Romans 1:26-2:11).

They shall indicate a desire to live in harmony with this body of believers, shall accept the doctrinal standards as set forth in the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths*, and shall be regular financial supporters of this local church.

WHY MEMBERSHIP?

Membership allows the local church to function legally and fulfill the purposes of God in a 21st century Canadian context.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE *By-Law 1.1*

A membership committee composed of the pastor and the church board shall receive applications for membership, shall make investigation relating thereto as it deems proper, and shall approve for admission into the local church those applicants who meet membership requirements.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION *By-Law 1.2*

Application for membership shall be received on a signed application form whereby the applicant agrees to abide by the provisions of the Local Church Constitution and By-Laws including the terms of membership as stated in Article 6.1.

Applicants who have been approved by the membership committee for membership in this local church shall be publicly received into the local church (Galatians 2:9) and may receive notification confirming membership. Membership may be reviewed annually by the membership committee.

TRANSFER *By-Law 1.3*

Members who move from another local church and desire to have their membership transferred should request a certificate or letter from the membership committee of the former local church for presentation to the membership committee of this l[illegible] Members who move to another local church s[illegible] be given, upon written request, a certificate or letter of t[illegible]fer by the membership committee of this local church.

[illegible]SMISSAL OF MEMBERSHIP *By-Law 1.4*

[illegible]smissal of membership in this local church shall include the following:

1. VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION

(1) Voluntary withdrawal from membership in this local church or reception into the membership of another congregation;

(2) Issuance of a transfer letter;

(3) Absence from the regular services of the local church for three (3) consecutive months, upon issuance of a transfer letter from the membership committee noting this voluntary withdrawal.

2. DISCIPLINARY DISMISSAL

Upon the conclusion of disciplinary procedures according to By-Law 6 of the Local Church Constitution and By-Laws which finds a member responsible for a failure under the causes of disciplinary action.

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