

WE BELIEVE

- ❖ the Holy Scriptures to be the divinely inbreathed, infallible, inerrant and authoritative Word of God.
- ❖ that there is one God, eternally existent in the Persons of the Holy Trinity.
- ❖ in the Virgin Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, His deity, His sinless humanity and perfect life, the eternal all-sufficiency of His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the Father's right hand and His personal coming again at His second advent.
- ❖ that justification is a judicial act of God on the believer's behalf solely on the merits of Christ, and that regeneration by the power of the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.
- ❖ in holy living, in the present day reality of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Lord's supernatural healing of the human body.
- ❖ in Christ's Lordship of the Church, the observance of the ordinances of Christian baptism by immersion for believers, and the Lord's supper.
- ❖ in the eternal blessedness of the redeemed in heaven and the eternal doom of the unregenerate in the lake of fire.

A full version of our Statement of Fundamental & Essential Truths is available upon request or by visiting www.paoc.org.

I WILL

- ❖ Safeguard the unity of my church
 - By acting in love toward other members
 - By refusing to gossip
 - By honoring my leaders
- ❖ Share the responsibility of my church
 - By praying for its growth
 - By inviting others to attend
 - By welcoming those who visit
- ❖ Serve the purposes of my church
 - By being actively involved
 - By being equipped by my leaders to serve
 - By developing a servant's heart
- ❖ Support the testimony of my church
 - By attending faithfully
 - By living a godly life
 - By giving regular tithes and offerings

I have read and agree to the terms of membership as stated in Article 6 of the Local Church Constitution. I have completed this membership form and choose to become part of this local church family.

PRINTED NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) _____



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MEMBERSHIP



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; 1 Thessalonians 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.



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 NO

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.

WHY MEMBERSHIP?

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

As Christ's followers we are called to be good stewards of the resources He has bestowed and submit to the governing authorities He has established (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 13:1-7). Membership helps the local church accomplish both. Members participate in a process that keeps the church accountable to God and government. They have a say in the church's future. They have a voice. They have a seat at the table.

Becoming a member shows love and support. It adds vitality and stability to the church. It offers credibility. It protects the investment God is making in all of us.

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 local church. Members who move to another local church shall be given, upon written request, a certificate or letter of transfer by the membership committee of this local church.

DISMISSAL OF MEMBERSHIP By-Law 1.4

Grounds for dismissal 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.

