Welcoming New Church Members

Could be done as part of the service, possibly before or after celebrating the Lord’s Table.

Suggested format: (*Pastor addresses the congregation*)

As part of our Communion Celebration this morning, we are taking a few moments to welcome some new members into the life of (*name of church*).

I am going to invite those who are being welcomed into membership here in the church to come and stand along the front – (*facing the platform*)

(*read names of those becoming members*)

I am also inviting the members of the [*Church Leadership*] to come and stand behind you.

Membership is an important part of every congregation. When you become a member of a specific congregation, it makes a public statement about your beliefs, as well as your commitment and dedication to that local body.

Your membership in this church opens opportunity for your ministry in the Body of Christ. As well, it gives you a voice and opportunity to vote on issues and decisions that impact this church.

Twice in each year we give opportunity for those desiring to enter this place of privilege and responsibility.

Those of you standing before me today,

You have publicly professed your salvation, through faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection.

You have indicated your agreement with the doctrine and practices of (*name of Church*) and of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

You have agreed to live in harmony with this local assembly, to support the leadership, and to support this ministry with your prayers and finances.

Therefore we publicly welcome you to full membership with all its privileges and responsibilities.

Those from our [*Church Leadership*] stand behind you today, as our commitment to you of fellowship and leadership in this assembly, and to welcome you into this fellowship of responsibility.

**PRAYER**

After prayer, the Church Leadership welcome the new members by shaking their hand.