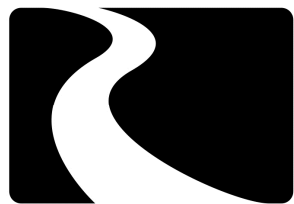


Personal Profile

Application for Church Membership



Creekside
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Date _____

OUR MISSION

*Follow Jesus.
Love God.
Love People.*

We are delighted that you have expressed an interest in membership in the Creekside Church family. This booklet will help you to understand the church and will help the church to understand you. Together, our desire is to help people...Follow Jesus. Love God. Love People.

Please read this booklet and complete as much information as you are able. We have carefully chosen each question and included all relevant information to make this process as complete as possible. We designed the middle pages (pp. 4-7) so you can remove them and keep them for your own reference. Please record any questions you may have and the interviewer will do their best to answer them when they meet with you.

God bless,
The Elders

Please answer as many parts of this form as you are able. Please print.

Date: _____

PERSONAL

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Prefer To Be Called: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different from above)

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Sex _____ Marital Status: _____

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy): _____

FAMILY

Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Names	Sex	Birth Date mm/dd/yy
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EMPLOYMENT/SCHOOL

Check if employed:

Name of Company: _____

Company Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Can you be contacted at work? _____

Position: _____

Responsibilities: _____

Are you a student? Yes No

School Name: _____

Program _____ Year / Term _____

Year of Graduation _____ Co-Op Regular Program

SPIRITUAL LIFE STORY

Please summarize why, how, and when you became a follower of Jesus Christ, and describe the present condition of your spiritual life. Please include information in your written testimony about your water baptism after you became a believer (details are also requested at the bottom of this page). This testimony will be added to the "Life Stories" book, which is a record of the personal life stories of our church family members. This testimony may also be publicized (i.e. website, bulletin board, etc.).

Your testimony serves two important purposes. First, it is evidence to other believers that you understand and have accepted God's gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, that He is your Forgiver and your Leader. Second, it is a witness to people who may not know what it means to become a follower of Christ. Keep these goals in mind as you prepare your spiritual life story. We have included a Guide to Writing a Life Story with this profile.

Your "Life Story" should be no more than one typed page. If you prefer, your testimony may be submitted by fax (519) 725-2609 or e-mail it to membership@creeksidechurch.ca. If you would like to have some assistance in preparing your testimony and putting it in written form, we would be happy to help in any way we can. Please contact the church office with any questions you may have.

CHURCH

When did you begin regularly attending Creekside Church? Month _____ Year _____

Previous church background (location, ministries, etc.)

Do you currently hold a membership in another church? Yes No

If yes, which one? _____

(If you hold a membership in another church, we ask that you contact that church and ask to have your membership removed)

BAPTISM

Have you been baptized since you became a believer? Yes No

If yes, when? _____

where? _____

by whom? _____

Mode: Immersion _____ Other (describe) _____

GIFTS

What do you believe are your Spiritual Gifts?

(An online Spiritual Gift Inventory is available at www.creeksidechurch.ca/spiritualgifts)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

WHAT WE BELIEVE

THE BIBLE: We believe that the sixty-six books of the Bible are the unique and final authority for what one believes and how one lives. As originally written, the Scriptures were entirely free from error. Every word and all parts were inspired by God.

GOD: We believe in one God, Creator of all things, who is holy, sovereign and perfect in all He is and in all He does. He eternally exists in three equal persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

- **God the Father:** We believe God the Father gives oversight to the ministries of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. He has laid down a plan for the ages and is working all things together to fulfill that plan.
- **God the Son:** We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is God the Son. We believe in His complete deity and humanity, His virgin conception, His sinless life, His death on the cross for the sins of the world and His bodily resurrection from the dead. He actively intercedes on behalf of the church and is preparing for His personal return to earth.
- **God the Holy Spirit:** We believe that God the Holy Spirit convicts people of sin. He gives spiritual life, baptizes, indwells, seals and sets apart for holy use everyone at the moment they become a child of God. He bestows spiritual gifts upon believers, and empowers them for daily living.

SATAN: We believe Satan is a created spirit being, the originator of sin, who revolted against God and now works in opposition to the people and purposes of God.

PEOPLE: We believe the first couple, Adam and Eve, were divinely created in the image of God.

Originally innocent, pure and in fellowship with God they fell from that position through the sin of disobedience. Their sin has left all people separated from God, condemned to physical and spiritual death and helpless to restore the original state.

SALVATION: We believe every person needs to be restored to life with God. Salvation is a gift from God graciously offered to humanity. It cannot be earned by any human effort. To receive this gift a person must repent, which involves turning from one's own way to God's way, and place their faith in the person and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. By placing one's faith in Jesus Christ a person becomes a child of God and begins a new, eternally secure relationship with God. Salvation will be evidenced by a changed life.

THE CHURCH: We believe that the church is composed of all who have become children of God. The local church is a gathering of believers, organized to do God's will through worship, teaching, fellowship, evangelism and ministries of compassion and conscience. The local church observes two ordinances: **Baptism** is the immersing of believers in water to signify their relationship with and commitment to Christ; **Communion** is the partaking of bread and wine by believers as a memorial of the sacrifice of Christ. The leaders of the church are **Elders**, who are responsible to give oversight to the church.

THE FUTURE: We believe in the visible and bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth. Those who are children of God will receive a resurrected body and live in the full enjoyment of God's presence forever. Those who are outside the family of God will be resurrected to spend eternity in everlasting punishment.

The Bible: 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:19-21 **God:** Psalm 102:25-27, Matthew 28:19; **God the Father:** 1 Corinthians 8:5-6, Ephesians 1:3-12; **God the Son:** Isaiah 7:14, John 1:1-14, 1 Timothy 2:5-6; **God the Holy Spirit:** John 14:16,17, 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 **Satan:** John 8:44, 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 **People:** Genesis 1:27, Romans 5:12-19 **Salvation:** John 1:12, 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9 **The Church:** Acts 2:41-47, Ephesians 5:25b-27, 1 Timothy 3:1-13 **The Future:** 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, 2:1-12, Daniel 12:2

THE CONSTITUTION OF CREEKSIDE CHURCH

I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Creekside Church. The effective date of this organization is August 1, 1989.

II. OBJECT

The object of this church is summarized in its Statement of Mission: *Follow Jesus. Love God. Love People.*

The beliefs of the church are set out in its WHAT WE BELIEVE statement. Activities of the church include worship, biblical instruction, the observance of the divinely instituted ordinances, the presentation of a corporate testimony to the power of the Gospel in its community, and the service which the Gospel requires both at home and abroad.

This organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or gains to the organization shall be used on promoting its objectives.

III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Status: *Church Membership* is for Christians who are committed to the church.
2. Reception: Applicants may be accepted as Church Members after giving satisfactory evidence of personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, bearing testimony to their salvation through water baptism, completing the Explore Creekside Class, accepting the What We Believe Statement and Constitution of Creekside Church, and signing the Church Covenant.
3. Removal: Members are removed from membership on decease, or upon a recommendation by the elders. Should the elders desire it, or any member request it and the elders deem it necessary, a majority vote of church members will be required for removal of membership. Members will automatically be removed from church membership at the conclusion of a two-week waiting period which follows the announcement by the elders.
4. Discipline: Members failing to observe the basic principles of the Christian faith and conduct shall be approached for the purpose of restoration in accordance with the teachings of Matthew 18:15-20.
5. Voting Privileges: All members in good standing, eighteen years of age and older, may vote in any and all business matters of the church.

IV. OFFICERS

All officers shall be Church Members in good standing.

1. Scriptural Officers
 - a. Elders (staff elders and volunteer elders)
 - i) The calling of an elder shall be made upon a 75% vote of the members present at a duly called business meeting.
 - ii) The dismissal of an elder shall be upon the majority vote of the members present at a duly called business meeting.
 - iii) The duties of an elder are primarily to teach and preach the Word, to give oversight to the church and to guard it from error.
 - iv) Staff Elders shall remain in office indefinitely, subject to review by the Board of Directors.
 - v) Volunteer Elders shall serve a term of three years. There is no restriction on the number of consecutive terms a Volunteer Elder can serve.

- b. Ministry Pastors
 - i) Ministry Pastors are hired by and accountable to the Staff Elders.
 - ii) Ministry Pastors are to assist the elders in matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the church as well as carrying out business matters and administrative duties.

2. Legal Officers

- a. Board of Directors (volunteer elders)
 - i) The Board of Directors will consist of the Volunteer Elders as Directors, and the Staff Elders as ex-officio non-voting members.
 - ii) The duties of Board of Directors are primarily to have ultimate legal responsibility for the Church, including all strategic plans and financial affairs of the Church, including the preparation of annual budgets and financial statements, and maintaining the property and physical facilities of the Church.
 - iii) The Board of Directors shall at their first meeting each year, appoint such officers as they deem necessary (ex. Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary).

V. GOVERNANCE

The government of this church and the administration of its affairs shall be by the church and such officers as it may direct. There shall be an annual business meeting of the church when full reports from all departments of the church shall be given and accepted by the church. Other meetings may be called from time to time by the elders of the church as necessary. Business meetings shall be announced three weeks in advance, including information as to the nature of the business to be dealt with in the meeting.

At any duly called meeting of the members those present shall constitute a quorum.

VI. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended upon a 75% vote at any duly called business meeting.

Amended June 17, 2004

CREEKSIDE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Christ as my Lord and Saviour and been baptized, and being in agreement with Creekside's statements, strategy and structure, I now wish to unite with the Creekside family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- By acting in love toward others
- By refusing to gossip
- By following the leaders

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus" Romans 15:5

". . . have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart." 1 Peter 1:22

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs . . ." Eph. 4:29

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." Heb. 13:17

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- By praying for its growth
- By reaching out to the lost
- By warmly welcoming those who visit

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers." 1 Thess. 1:2

"Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full." Luke 14:23

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." Romans 15:7

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- By discovering my gifts and talents
- By being equipped to serve
- By developing a servant's heart

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Pet. 4:10

"He . . . gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Eph. 4:11-12

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:3-5

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- By attending faithfully
- By living a godly life
- By giving regularly

"Let us not give up meeting together . . . but let us encourage one another." Heb. 10:25

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." Phil. 1:27

"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income . . ." 1 Cor. 16:2

"But just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us — see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Cor. 8:7

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Ministry	In which area(s) of ministry have you served, at other churches or at Creekside?	Previously	Presently	Desire to Serve
Ministry Support				
	Administration Human Resources, strategic planning, network administration, administrative support services, internal communications, graphic design, signage, ministry centers, CDs/tapes ministry, photography, library, facility administration, membership, etc.			
	Campus Operations Set-up, building and property maintenance, carpentry, garden care, and other projects			
	Communications Web site, external advertising, graphic design, marketing			
	Personal Development Assisting people in finding their place to serve			
Life Groups				
	Adult Adult education, Explore Creekside classes, men's ministry, women's ministry, focus groups			
	Life Groups Leading, coaching, hosting			
Children				
	Children (Infants to Grade 6) Sunday programs, mid-week programs, summer programs, teaching, worship, small groups, activities, child care, etc.			
Worship & Arts				
	Worship and Arts Vocal, instrumental, drama, sound, lighting, multi-media, coordination of worship services			
Care & Outreach				
	Community Care Food drives, emergency assistance, Operation Christmas Child, Angel Tree, meals, transportation, food service for funerals, support network, marriage preparation courses			
	Hospitality Welcoming newcomers, guest services, ushering, parking, decorations, food services, Sunday morning "Connections",			
	Outreach Outreach events, discipleship, mentoring, seeker resources, follow-up, ALPHA			
	Missions Supporting and caring for missionaries, reviewing applications for support			
	Pastoral Care and Counselling Spiritual care, counseling and referral			
	Sports Coordination of various sports teams and tournaments for outreach purposes			
Youth & Young Adults				
	Youth (Grades 7 through high school) Mid-week programs, outreach events, social events, service projects, sports			
	Young Adults (young adults, university and college students) Teaching, small groups, outreach events, social events			
Other				

Skills or Talents (i.e., musical, secretarial, carpentry, etc.) _____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

A Church Member is a follower of Jesus Christ who is committed to the church and desires the local church to hold them accountable for his/her spiritual life. Members are active in the leadership and decision-making processes in the church. It is members who, under God, hold offices, approve the budget, vote leaders to positions, jointly own the assets, etc.

EXPLORE CREEKSIDE

Explore Creekside is a class designed to introduce the beliefs, structures and strategy of Creekside Church. Participation in Explore Creekside is a prerequisite to becoming a Church Member.

I have completed "Explore Creekside". The class was held on...

WHAT WE BELIEVE

(see page 4 for a copy of the What We Believe statement)

I have read the What We Believe statement and am in full agreement with it.

Yes _____ No _____

THE CHURCH CONSTITUTION

(see page 5 and 6 for a copy of the Church Constitution)

I have read the Church Constitution and understand it.

Yes _____ No _____

THE CHURCH COVENANT

(see page 7 for a copy of the Membership Covenant)

I have examined the Church Covenant and I desire before God and the other members of the church to fulfill that covenant.

Signed _____ Date _____

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE INTERVIEWER

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS PAGE - FOR INTERVIEWER USE ONLY

INTERVIEW:

Date _____

Time _____

Place _____

I do/do not recommend that _____ be accepted to the position of Church Member.

signed _____ interviewer

MINISTRY INTERESTS:

COMMENTS:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of request _____
Date of contact _____
Date of interview _____ Date of Membership _____

Please return your completed Personal Profile to:

Assistant to the Elders

membership@creeksidechurch.ca

519-725-0265 x266 or fax 519-725-2609

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