

# MEMBERSHIP

at



**ISLAND**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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# ISLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

## WHO ARE WE?

We are a church dedicated to building a Christ-centered community committed to the fulfillment of the  
**Great Commandment and the Great Commission**

Mark 12:30-31

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no greater commandment than these.

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

# WHAT MAKES A CHURCH

## A CHURCH?

# COMMUNITY

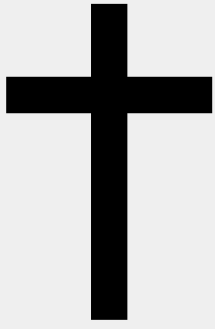


God wants us to function as one body rather than a collection of saved-but-isolated Christians.

That means we must reflect Christ to one another -

- to genuinely care for each other;
- to be accountable to one another;
- to support each other.

That's where membership comes in.



When you are saved, you are once-and-for-all united with Christ and His body.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; - Ephesians 4:4

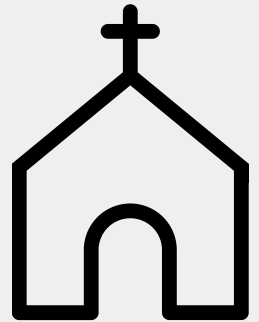
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But there is also an intentional membership we need to pursue with other Christians.

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We continue growing in our faith by becoming active and participating members in local assemblies.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching. - Hebrews 10:24-25



## You may be thinking...

- ? Why should I have to identify myself with a local church?
- ? Isn't it enough simply to call myself Christian and attend service somewhere regularly?
- ? Why do we need formal membership?

# 3 REASONS FOR

## MEMBERSHIP

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### The Concept of Membership is Biblical

Though the term itself isn't mentioned in the Bible, believers throughout the New Testament clearly identified themselves with a specific local body.

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### Membership is Valuable to Church Leadership

The leadership of the church is able to best care for those in the church when they know the people of their church.

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### Membership Benefits the Individual

Membership challenges us to grow beyond good intentions and into committed participation.

# WHAT DOES A CHURCH MEMBER LOOK LIKE?

A member's life shows the evidence of devotion to both Christ and His Church. Though no one can claim to show these things perfectly, here are the marks of a participating member:

## GRACE

Ephesians 2:8-9

surrendering self-righteousness, fully trusting that Christ's death on the cross paid for sin's penalty in full

## GROWTH

2 Peter 3:18

continual evidence of a changing life and pursuit of Christ-likeness

## GROUPS

Acts 2:46

connection with others in significant relationships through small groups

## GIFTS

Romans 12:6-8

serving Christ's body according to each individual's spiritual giftedness and possessions

## GOOD STEWARDSHIP

1 Peter 4:10

honoring God with one's resources of time, talent, and treasures

**AS A MEMBER OF ICC,**

**YOU...**

have the opportunity to influence key decisions of the church.

can participate in members-only meetings that are either informational or seek input from the church body.

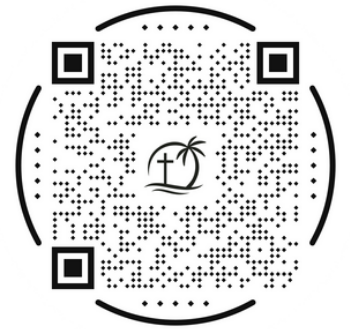
meet the requirement of participating membership for virtually all leadership positions within the church.

# HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF ICC?

You've heard why you should become a member of a church, but how do you do so here at Island Community Church?

First, read through the beliefs that ICC affirms on the next page. We want you to be confident in moving forward in membership, and more importantly, be confident in your faith, so don't hesitate to contact the church with any question that you may have.

If you find that you align with ICC's beliefs, you can fill out the membership application found at the end of this guide and turn it into the church office, or fill one out online by scanning the QR code to the right or [clicking here](#).



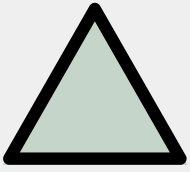
Our elder board will review your application and we will let you know whether your membership is approved as soon as we can.

As He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all thing, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:18-20



# WHAT ICC BELIEVES



We believe there is one God, eternally existing in three persons known as the Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God created humans to be in fellowship with Him, but humanity's choice to follow their own path outside of God's will has separated us from Him. We need God's saving grace - not human effort - to bring us back into fellowship with Him. This salvation can only be received by repentance and faith.

God

Us

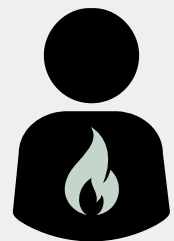
God



Us

Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, lived a perfectly sinless life on earth. He took on the consequences of our rebellion by dying on a cross so that he could give us a way to return to fellowship with God. He rose from the dead to be the one and only Mediator between God and us, and He will one day return to earth.

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, permanently indwells and equips believers for personal growth and service in the church.



The church's role is to glorify God and serve others in His name. At the end, all will be judged, and those who have received forgiveness through Christ will enjoy eternal fellowship with God.

Find a more detailed Statement of Faith on our website:  
[islandcommunitychurch.org](http://islandcommunitychurch.org)