

Mustard Seed Street Church

Guidelines for Membership

- 1) Any person professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord and giving evidence of such faith, may upon baptism by total immersion, be received into membership after approval by the Church Life Committee (CLC) and the Pastor.
- 2) Members shall agree to follow the provisions of the Mustard Seed Street Church Constitution, Bylaws and Statement of Faith.
- 3) Membership shall be classified as Active and Honorary and subject to the terms and conditions of Section 2 of the bylaws as well as the following:
 - a) The Active roll shall consist of all members resident in the community who attend the worship service with frequency and regularly support the work of the church.
 - b) Members on the Active roll who have not actively supported the church by attendance at worship services or otherwise shall be contacted when a period of one year has passed, if at all possible. This will be done by the Pastor or his representative to determine their interest in remaining Active Members.
 - c) These Members shall be contacted when a further period of one year has passed if at all possible. This will be done by the Pastor or his representative, and if no satisfactory response is received their names shall be removed from the church roll at the next business meeting.
 - d) Active members whose blatant conduct is unbecoming to a Christian shall be dealt with by the CLC and Pastor in accordance with Matthew 18:15-20, with the goal of restoration.
 - e) Active Members shall be considered to be members in good standing. Only Active members shall be permitted to hold positions of responsibilities as officers of the church notwithstanding Article 4.04 of the Bylaws.
 - f) Honorary membership shall be in accordance with Article 2.04 (1) and (2) of the Bylaws.
- 4) Candidates for membership shall be interviewed by two members chosen by the CLC and the Pastor and upon acceptance will be welcomed into the church body at a worship service.
- 5) Members of other churches holding to the aforementioned faith can be received on letters of recommendation or transfer.
- 6) Believers who have been baptized by total immersion and who, because of peculiar circumstances have no regular letter of dismissal, may be received "on experience" after giving satisfactory evidence of Christian faith as judged by the CLC and Pastor.
- 7) Names shall be removed from the membership roll of the church in the case of death; the granting of a letter to join another Christian church; at the request of the member in question; or a decision pursuant to Article 2.06 and 2.07 of the By-laws.