



**Regina
Apostolic
Church**

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

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1. WHAT IS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

John 17:20,21 ESV

You may have asked the question, "What's the point of becoming a member of a church?"

There are many organizations that have membership. For example, if you are a CAA member, it means that you have met the requirements for membership - you've paid the annual fees and this allows you to reap the rewards (free maps, free towing, or a battery boost when required). If you have a gym membership, it means you have met the requirements (you are up to date on your monthly payments) and you can now reap the rewards (you can use their exercise equipment anytime the doors are open). If you are a member of a political party, it means that you have paid for a party membership and this then allows you to vote on who will stand to represent your community in the upcoming election for your preferred political party.

That being said, is church membership simply an exchange of rewards granted for meeting specific requirements? Doesn't that seem rather pedestrian, impious, maybe even irreligious? How appropriate is it to speak of membership when we are looking at being part of the body of Christ? Where in scripture does it speak of church membership? And someone is sure to say: *'Why can't we just get back to the simplicity, the pristine beauty of the New Testament church in the book of Acts?'*

Churches have struggled for years with the matter of membership. Some have decided to forgo it entirely, but this creates its' own problems and challenges. We will deal with these matters later. Others enthusiastically embrace membership and in some cases will attempt to equate membership to being a part of the body of Christ. (In other words, if you are a true follower of Jesus Christ, it is argued that you are a member of the Church, and therefore you should sign our membership role.) However, it could be countered that if I am a member of the Church because I am a true follower of Jesus Christ, then why would I need to sign your membership list? I'm already in.

What place, if any, does membership have in the church? Where does the idea of membership come from? What do we do with it? On the following pages, we will wrestle with these issues and hopefully you will come to the same conclusion that we have, that membership in a local church is a powerful way of publicly declaring our allegiance to Christ, of demonstrating our commitment to a community of believers and of participating in something far beyond anything we could ask or imagine. Let's begin our study by examining what we're considering - becoming a member of the Church.

2. THE CHURCH: CHALLENGES FROM THE BEGINNING

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:18,19 ESV

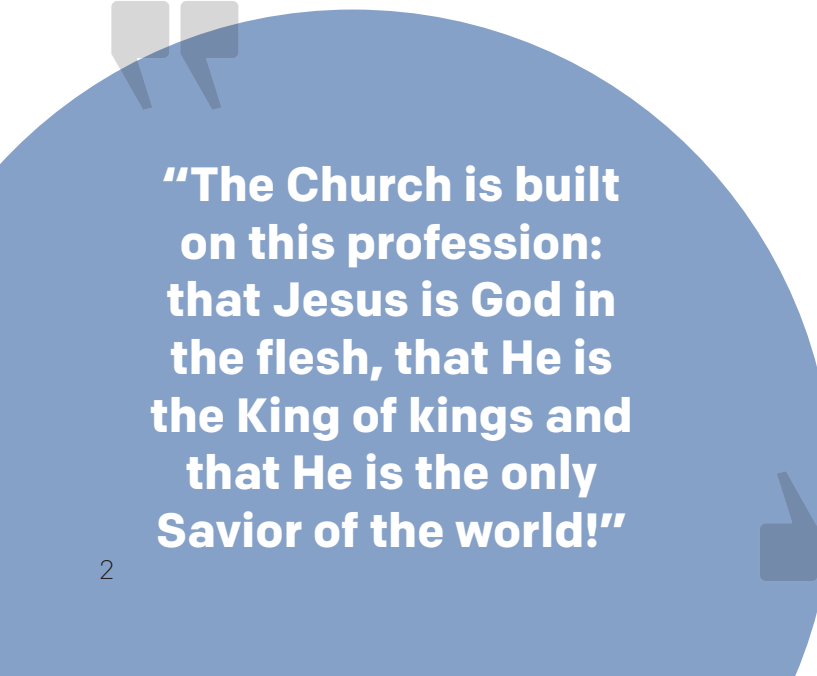
Peter's assertion had been, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" and this is our declaration as well. The Church is built on this profession: that Jesus is God in flesh, that He is the King of kings and that He is the only Savior of the world!

Peter's statement was truth revealed – the truth on which the church was established, and we read about the establishment of the church in Acts 2. This is an amazing, celebratory birth! Starting with just 120 people in the upper room and exploding to 3000 new believers in a single day. What a phenomenal start!

Yet, as wonderful as this is, from the very beginning the church has been fighting against the current. The resistance began with mockery: some saw what was happening on the day of Pentecost and scoffed: "These are filled with new wine," (Acts 2:13). Mockery became hostility with orders from the religious elite that the church must not "speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus" (Acts 4:17). The hostility turned violent and Stephen, the first martyr, was murdered (Acts 6). And the violence spread, "great persecution against the church" resulting in many believers being driven out of Jerusalem (Acts 8:1).

Over the centuries the enemy has used many different strategies trying to discourage, to dissuade, and to destroy the church. Sometimes the attacks are direct and deadly, and at other times the enemy works more subtly. He is attempting to confuse or corrupt, but always his goal is to limit the impact of this holy enterprise that poses such a profound threat to the very gates of hell.

It hasn't been easy for the church, but it's important to recognize that Jesus never promised it would be.



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3. THE CHURCH AND THE STATE

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world."

John 17:15-18 ESV

The first question is, if there is open hostility toward the church from human government, how should the church respond? Are we to become militant? Are we called to resist, to fight back? Is the church like an invasionary force employing all means necessary to defeat an enemy?

No, not according to Paul who writes these words in his letter to the Romans:

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God had appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoers. Therefore, one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other." Romans 13:1-8

The apostle Peter says the same thing in his first letter (1 Peter 2:13-17); however, it must be noted that submission to the governing authorities does not mean that the church must always and in every circumstance bow the knee to 'Rome'. There will be situations where the laws of Rome conflict with our marching orders from God. At times like these, we are to obey God and at the same time, we are to submit to the punishment of the state for resisting them. In Acts 4:19 we read that Peter and John responded to the Sanhedrin: "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

The point is this: Peter and John recognized the Sanhedrin's legitimate authority to decide what they would do when the apostles disregarded their orders.

This page addresses the church's response to civil authorities. But what about the church's response to spiritual authorities?

4. THE CHURCH VERSUS RULERS OF DARKNESS

" . . . And on this rock I will build my church, and gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18 ESV

". . . so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places."

Ephesians 3:10 ESV

Jesus says that even the gates of hell will not be able to withstand the assault of the Church. This sounds like war. In Revelation 1 & 2, the seven letters to the churches all speak of conquering and overcoming. Again, this is battle language. So, on the one hand the church is presented as an embassy working lawfully within the dictates of a foreign kingdom. On the other hand, the church is presented as a full-scale military invasion into enemy territory. One is respectful diplomacy; the other is spiritual warfare.

Ephesians 6:12 clarifies it for us: "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

In the spiritual realm, there can be no compromise. Revelation 12:11 says, "They (the church) overcame by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives even unto death." The enemy, the ones with whom we do wrestle, are a spiritual enemy, and we better realize that the goal of this enemy is to kill and steal and destroy.

The ones with whom we do NOT wrestle are flesh and blood. These are our neighbours. They are the ones from within our community appointed to positions of authority in human government. These are to be granted a different response. These are to be treated with kindness and diplomacy and respect.

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

Romans 12:18 ESV



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5. THE CHURCH: THE WITNESS OF HISTORY

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:1,2 ESV

Throughout history, the relationship between the state and the church has ranged from brutal repression of the church to a kind of messy collaboration between the two. Even today we see examples of both. There is severe church suppression in China and in Iran, and to a significant degree in other Muslim nations as well.

And on the other side there are countries which have a kind of church-state amalgamation. This is not as overt as it was in the past, where the official church was funded by the state and its bishops appointed by the government, but the co-opting of religious authority by the government continues to a lesser degree to this day.

The point is this: throughout history, the church has had to deal with the reality that it exists in a world that is under the jurisdiction of principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, AND that to varying degrees, human governments have been controlled/manipulated by those powers. Regardless of the political situation, the church is called to fulfil its mandate.

Sometimes the opposition is blatantly obvious and deadly. Sometimes it is subtle and seductive. And at times the situation is fluid, moving from one condition to another. The church needs the discernment to navigate these changing tides.

Jesus sends us out as sheep among wolves. And he instructs us to be as gentle as doves and as wise as serpents.



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6. THE CHURCH IN CANADA TODAY

"Jesus said to them, 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's'"

Mark 12:17 ESV

When Canadian Christians consider 'church membership', it is usually based on the Government of Canada statutes and laws that allow churches and their people to exist as a corporate entity. There are several benefits for both the corporate church and its individual members to be legally recognized by the Government.

Churches in Canada can set up a separate legal entity - usually a not-for-profit or charity corporation - when their programs or projects are such that the liability needs to be contained. This is done by applying to the provincial government to be granted status as a corporation. Regina Apostolic Church decided on this option and incorporated it in 1993.

The following is a list of benefits we derive from working within the government's guidelines for incorporated churches.

- Incorporation protects church members from personal liability.
- Incorporation provides clarification of the ministry's purpose, procedures, and vision.
- Incorporation allows the church to borrow, own and transfer property in the name of the church. The church then acts through its Board to facilitate these transactions.
- Incorporation allows the member to determine the governance of the internal operations under the laws of our province and country.

This structure requires a group of its people to have membership for it to be legal and for the church to receive the benefits afforded under that legal status. The individual member of the church is afforded benefits as well. The leadership of the Regina Apostolic Church concluded that it seemed good to us and, we believe, the Holy Spirit, to apply for this status that is offered to us by the provincial and federal governments. This is the model for ministry that the Regina Apostolic Church has been operating with for 30 years.

When most people speak of 'church membership' as an individual person, this is usually what they are thinking of; its focus has more to do with governmental requirements than anything spiritual.

7. MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

"It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

Philippians 1:9-11 ESV

We believe that these provincial and federal regulations help provide a framework by which Regina Apostolic Church can better carry on its mission effectively. Part of this agreement calls for a membership roll and a board of elected directors. At the same time, we want to do things biblically well, not just legally correct, so regardless of the potential benefits, it's important that we turn to scripture to see what the Bible says about church membership.

However, there is nothing in scripture that speaks of this kind of membership.

This type of membership is not a biblical concept nor a biblical requirement. It is a construct, a requirement stipulated by 'Rome'. It simply fulfills our mandate to - 'render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's'.

Dealing with the Government of the day has been a fact of life in every age and so it is today in Canada. As with every other church in history, we wrestle with our social and political circumstances seeking to find ways that will allow us to communicate God's love most effectively to our generation.

It would be possible to forgo the membership model but without incorporation, the adherents of this congregation would leave themselves open to the possibility of personal liability. It seems prudent to us at this stage in our history to use this model to benefit the members, the church, and ultimately the community that we are called to reach.

This model was passed down to us by a generation that preceded ours. We follow in their footsteps, desiring to continue their witness and to honour the legacy of their faith. They have passed this ministry, this church, and this testimony on to us, and we endeavour to do our part in continuing and completing this task.

Thus far, we have established that this 'membership' structure exists because it allows us to work most effectively under the civil authorities as they exist today. The New Testament church didn't have the option for its people becoming members that included governmental guidelines, restrictions, regulations and benefits for what they did. So how would the early Church have understood the idea of membership in this newly minted entity called 'the Church'?

8. THE CHURCH: THE POSSIBILITIES AT RAC

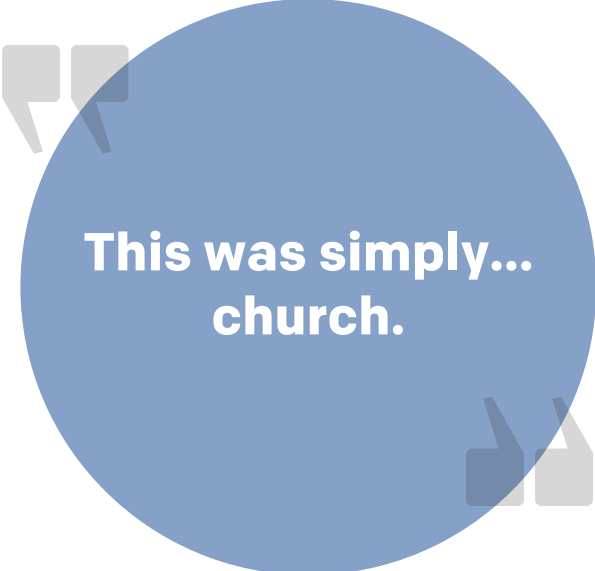
"So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

Acts 2:41-47 ESV

The church began with just 120 individuals who met in the upper room. On that Pentecost Sunday, it exploded into a force to be reckoned with. It all began with anointed preaching that resulted in many conversions. There were baptisms, followed by a commitment to discipleship and community. There were signs and wonders. There were consistent gatherings of large groups and small. They shared their possessions with others in need. They were a community full of thanksgiving and praise. The witness of their activity was well received by the community and their numbers grew steadily.

This account sounds like the best possible final evening at a family bible camp that we may have ever heard of, better than any worship conference we've ever attended, and beyond any historic revival event we've read about. However, Acts 2 does not describe an extraordinary once-in-a-lifetime mountaintop experience. This was church. This was simply...church.

Please note that this account is descriptive, not prescriptive. It describes what happened. Yes, it should suggest to us what is possible. It is certainly something we could hunger for. This is the church we might want to be a part of - but it is not something we can make happen on our own. The question is: how do we get there?



**This was simply...
church.**

9. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: A CHALLENGE TO DISCIPLESHIP

"... you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For it has been granted to you for the sake of Christ that you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake."

Philippians 1:7,29 ESV

The early church wasn't successful because it was free of all encumbrances, free of the responsibilities of tending to buildings, campuses, government documents and membership rolls. It was successful because it operated passionately, following Jesus under the circumstances they found themselves in at that time. They accepted whatever the government structure was as long as it didn't force the church to act disobediently. They attempted to work peaceably with all, and courageously fulfill the mandate to preach the gospel. At times life was relatively peaceful, at other times the opposition was horrific, but they were fully committed to the mission.

We today are called to do the same, and by the grace of God, we will finish the task.

We believe that if membership includes a government protocol by which we can operate a church in Canada, then good, we'll do membership. And we will do it as well as it can be done. If Caesar asks for a membership list, we will submit a list of deeply devoted Christ followers. As required by law, we will render to Caesar, the things that are Caesar's, and as an act of worship we will render to God, the things that are God's.

...In Light of Baptism

When those first 3000 converts turned to Christ in Acts, the next step for them was baptism. Baptism was a way of saying very publicly where they stood. Conversion was not a private, internalized-only decision to reorient the focus of their lives. It was a clear and public declaration by these followers of Jesus that they were fully committed.

We think that if we are to offer a type of membership, it should be something like this. Clearly membership is not baptism and it's not taught in scripture, but like baptism, it's a way of us saying publicly that we are 100% committed to the cause of Christ and we are not afraid to let it be known.

In other words, as a church member, I am saying that I am following Jesus Christ, and I am fully committed to work together with this part of the body of Christ to see the Kingdom of God come to earth.

10. A COVENANT OF TRUST AND COMMITMENT

Regina Apostolic Church commits to the following:

➤ **We Will Fix Our Eyes on Jesus**

Before anything else, we commit ourselves to follow God. This begins with prayer and obedience to His Word. We believe that by His Holy Spirit, we are able to follow and, only then, to lead.

Matthew 6:33, Matthew 22:37-39, 1 Corinthians 11:1

➤ **We Will Preach Jesus Christ**

More than anything else, this world needs to encounter Jesus. Our message must focus on Him

John 14:6, Acts 4:12, 1 Corinthians 1:2, Eph 3:1-6

➤ **We Will Focus on Ministry that Brings Glory to God and Draws the World to Christ**

Our actions, our programs and ministries are intended to bring people to Christ.

Luke 9:62, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

➤ **We Will Challenge Every Member to Discipleship**

We intend to be more than converts. We are disciples of Christ, and we call others to follow with us.

Ephesians 4:11-16

The member commits to the following:

➤ **I Will Protect the Unity of the Church**

...by acting in love toward other members, by refusing to gossip, and by following the leaders.

Romans 14:19, 1 Peter 1:2, Ephesians 4:29, Hebrews 13:17, Romans 15:5

➤ **I Will Share the Responsibilities of My Church**

...by praying for its leaders and its growth, by inviting the unchurched to attend, and by warmly welcoming those who visit.

1 Thessalonians 1:2, Luke 14:23, Romans 15:7

➤ **I Will Serve the Ministry of My Church**

...by discovering my gifts and talents, by being equipped to serve by our church leadership, and by developing a servant's heart.

1 Peter 4:10, Ephesians 4:11-12, Philippians 2:3-4, 7

➤ **I Will Support the Testimony of My Church**

...by regularly attending weekend services, by living a godly life, and by giving regularly through tithes and offerings.

Hebrews 10:25, Philippians 1:27, 1 Corinthians 16:2, Leviticus 27:30

11. COME AND JOIN US!

"... God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable."

1 Corinthians 12:18-22 ESV

Someone might be tempted to say "This all sounds wonderful, but I am a nobody. I am too old, or I don't have any theological training or I'm new to all of this." In other words, they might say they have nothing to offer to the cause.

Regardless of where you find yourself, you are exactly who we are looking for. We are not looking for perfect people, but hungry-for-Jesus disciples. You might feel like you are too old to run the race, but can you pray? When we are praying, we are doing our best work! You may think you are too poor to contribute anything meaningful financially. Did you read about the poor widow in Mark 12 who only managed to scrape together 2 copper coins? Jesus said that her offering was greater than the vast amounts of money given by the wealthy.

It's in our weakness that we witness God's strength. It's not so much our ability (although that's good too) but our availability that God is looking for. Please do not dismiss your potential contribution as irrelevant, unimportant, or inconsequential. Every part of the body is significant and critically important.

If the little toe should say, "Because I am not an elbow, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. Stub that little toe in the dark in the middle of the night, and see if the rest of the body doesn't recognize its importance.

Everybody matters. Every person has something to contribute. Every part of the Body is important.

What could Regina Apostolic Church be if it were comprised of a group of sold-out, focused-on-Jesus, no-holds-barred, go-for-broke disciples? What if every person who attended this church, decided to seek first the kingdom of God, whatever that might mean?

Jesus said that He would build His Church (that includes RAC), and Jesus said that the very gates of hell would not be able to prevail against it. What an amazing thing to be a part of! Imagine what we could see happen in the city of Regina, the province of Saskatchewan, the nation of Canada and the world with a group of people like this!

This is what we believe 'membership' means here at Regina Apostolic Church - and we would LOVE to have you join us!

12. STATEMENT OF FAITH

➤ **Inspiration of the Scripture**

We believe all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is therefore the infallible Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21

➤ **The Godhead**

We believe there is one living, true, eternal and everlasting God, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness, the Maker and Preserver of all things, visible and invisible, and that this one true God has revealed Himself to the world as the Father, as the Son, and as the Holy Spirit.

John 14:7-11; Colossians 2:9; John 14:16-20; John 5:20

➤ **Jesus Christ, The Son of God**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, was God manifest in the flesh, took upon Himself the form of man, that He might offer Himself a sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary for the sins of the whole world. We believe no man can come unto the Father but by and through the Lord Jesus Christ, and His shed blood.

John 1:18; 1 Timothy 3:16; John 14:6

➤ **Repentance**

We believe in repentance to God, confession of ourselves as sinners and that a definite turning is essential to salvation.

Acts 17:30; 26:20; 11:18; 2:38-39; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

➤ **Judgment on Adam and the Whole Human Family**

We believe all mankind become sinners as a result of the fall of Adam.

Romans 5:12; 3:23; 1 Corinthians 15:22-23

➤ **Justification and Redemption or a Definition of Justification and What it Means**

We believe our redemption has been accomplished solely by the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was made sin for us, dying in our room and stead, rising again from the dead, ascending with His glorified body to the right hand of God, and by believing in this finished work, we are justified before God, cleansed of all our sins and redeemed from the curse of the law.

John 3:3; Romans 5:1; 14:21; Galatians 2:16; 3:13; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Titus 2:14; Revelation 5:9

➤ **Eternal Life**

We believe every believer receives Eternal Life as a free gift when saved or born again.

Romans 6:23; John 5:24; 10:28

➤ **Water Baptism**

We believe in water baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ by immersion for believers as taught in the scripture, and practiced by the early Apostolic Church.

Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5; Romans 6:3-6; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21

➤ **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the same Bible evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, as a distinct separate and subsequent experience to conversion, and is the enduement of spiritual power for Christian living and service. Also that it is the standard of normal Christian experience since Pentecost.

Mark 16:16-17; 1 Corinthians 14:21; Isaiah 28:11-12; Luke 24:49; John 14:15-17; Acts 1:8; 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-6

➤ **Divine Healing**

We believe healing is in the atonement and that God is still the Healer of His people, and that the church should recognize and practice this ministry as directed by the Lord Himself and practiced by his Apostles.

Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 53:5; Mark 16:18; James 5:14-15; Hebrews 13:8

➤ **The Lord's Supper of Communion**

We believe that all followers of Christ should partake of the Communion of the Lord's Supper, in remembrance of His death until He comes again.

Luke 22:19-20; Matthew 26:29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

➤ **The Gifts of the Spirit**

We believe the nine gifts of the Spirit should be manifest in the Church today and that all Spirit filled believers should earnestly covet the best gifts for the edification and upbuilding of the church.

1 Corinthians 12:8-11; 14:1

➤ **The Fruit of the Spirit and Godly Living**

We believe all Spirit-filled believers should produce the fruit of the Spirit in their lives and their walk should be according to godliness and holy living.

Galatians 5:22-23; 1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 1:16; Titus 2:11-13; 2 Corinthians 7:1

➤ **Marriage**

We believe in the sanctity of marriage, as a life long exclusive commitment between one man and one woman.

Matthew 19:4-6

➤ **Second Coming of Christ**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, first in the clouds of the air to catch away His own unto Himself, and later to return with all His saints to set up His millennium reign on the earth.

Acts 1:10-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Jude 14&15; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6

➤ **Rewards**

We believe the Bible clearly teaches a distinct judgment for believers only, spoken of in the scriptures as the Judgment Seat of Christ, where believer's works will be judged, (not for their sins) and rewards are in question, not salvation.

Galatians 5:22-23; 1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 1:16; Titus 2:11-13; 2 Corinthians 7:1

➤ **The Final Judgment**

We believe that there will be a great final judgment, as recorded in the Word of God. This is the judgment of the unjust where all the wicked are judged.

Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:11-15



YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete this form either physically or online. Paper applications can be returned to the person who taught your membership class, or to the reception desk in the foyer.

This completed form together with your testimony will be forwarded to the Pastors and the Elders Team. As soon as they have had an opportunity to review this material, you will be contacted by one of our team.

Membership at RAC is a significant role. We will celebrate your becoming a part of this church family together with other new members during a service one day soon. Thank you for your commitment to work and worship with us.

Complete this form online at:



<http://tinyurl.com/RACmember>



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DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT

"I believe that God is at work at Regina Apostolic Church. Sensing His presence and leading, it is my desire to become a member and a co-labourer in the ministry of this church."

Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (cell): _____

Email: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Names: _____

Attach Photo

Section 1: Mission Statement of Our Church

"The vision of the Regina Apostolic Church is to be a local church changing our nation for the Glory of God. In light of this, we believe our mission is to invite all generations to explore faith, encounter God's presence, and be released to advance His Kingdom."

Section 2: Membership Requirements

- ☐ I am committed to living my life for Jesus Christ, having received Him as Lord and Savior.
- ☐ I have been baptized in water.
- ☐ I have been attending RAC regularly since <date field> (must be a minimum of six months)
- ☐ I affirm the RAC Statement of Faith
- ☐ I have studied the Covenant of Trust between church and member, and am in agreement with these declarations.
- ☐ I have taken the Membership Classes

Date: <date field>

Instructor: <name field>

Section 3: Personal Testimony

Attached to this form is my personal testimony.

Section 4: Signatures

<signature field>
Applicant Signature

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Date of Application

Approval Date: <date field>

Approved Signatures:

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Section 5: Completion of Application

1. Please return your completed application to the person who taught your membership class, or to the reception desk in the foyer.
2. This completed form together with your testimony will be forwarded to the Pastors and the Elders Team. As soon as they have had an opportunity to review this material, you will be contacted by one of our team.
3. Membership grants you the right to 'in person' voting at the RAC Annual General Meeting.
4. Membership will be invalidated if a member no longer attends RAC, or if they choose to engage in behaviour that is detrimental to the testimony of Jesus Christ.
5. Congratulations! Membership at RAC is significant. We will celebrate your becoming a new member of our church family together with other new members during an upcoming service! Thank you for your commitment to work and worship with us.

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