



## The Membership Process: How to Join the Remnant Church Family

Membership in a local church is a sign of our membership in God's family (Eph. 2:19). As such, Remnant Church is a family of people who have been adopted by God (Gal. 4:6-7; Eph. 1:5). From him we receive the privilege to worship Jesus together and serve in his Kingdom. We care for each other, pray for each other, and serve others together, believing that the Church is God's chosen vehicle for making us more like Jesus as we trust him and experience the renewal of the gospel in all areas of life (Eph. 3:7-13).

The leadership of Remnant Church relies on our members to accomplish our shared work as the church (Eph. 2:10; 1 Pet. 4:10; 1 Cor. 12:7). That's why we purposefully have a minimal staff, a reduced budget, and very little programming. Instead, we trust the Holy Spirit to move through the transformed hearts of our members, mobilizing our community of Jesus-followers to love our families, love our city, and glorify God in all we do (1 Cor. 10:31; Titus 2:14)

Although the call to follow Jesus is demanding (Mark 8:34-35), and the opposition is great (1 Peter 5:8), Jesus is with us in all of this (Matt. 28:20). So if you'd like to become a member, here's how:

### STEP 1 – Begin acting like a Member:

There are certain aspects of following Jesus that apply to all Christians, whether you are a member at Remnant Church or not. (So don't wait until you begin this process to start acting like a member!) Here are three key ways for you to start acting like a member:

*Attending a Community Group.* Because community is an essential element of taking part in God's family, the Church, participating in a Community Group is a vital way to begin acting like a member. For details about connecting to a Community Group visit [www.remnantrichmond.org/liferemnant/community-group/](http://www.remnantrichmond.org/liferemnant/community-group/) or email the Community Groups director: [community@remnantrichmond.org](mailto:community@remnantrichmond.org).

*Serving at Remnant Church.* All followers of Jesus are called to serve (Mark 10:45; 1 Pet. 4:10). To find a place where you can serve, check out [www.remnantrichmond.org/serve](http://www.remnantrichmond.org/serve)

*Giving Faithfully.* All followers of Jesus are called to live on mission with God through sacrificially giving our time, money, and resources to spread the good news about Jesus (2 Cor. 9:8). If you don't already give as a part of the worship service on Sunday morning, you can give through our website: [www.remnantrichmond.org/aboutremnant/give](http://www.remnantrichmond.org/aboutremnant/give). For further questions about why Christians should rejoice in giving, check out our theology of giving page: [www.remnantrichmond.org/give/theology-of-giving](http://www.remnantrichmond.org/give/theology-of-giving).



## **STEP 2 – Apply for Membership**

You can do this by going to the following link: <http://www.remnantrichmond.org/membershipform/>

You will be routed to an online form enabling you to fill out more detailed information about yourself. Once we receive this information, the following will happen:

- You'll receive an e-mail from our Membership Director welcoming you to the start of the Membership process.
- You'll be notified about the next available Membership Class.

## **STEP 3 – Attend Membership Class**

Members of Remnant Church must have faithfully completed all five sessions of the Membership Class. We hold our Membership Class on a recurring basis throughout the year. You must attend all 5 classes, however, you may make up 1 missed class by listening to the podcast. (Note: Because of the importance of classroom discussion, missing more than one class will require special approval.) Classes will be held one night per week at the church building, unless otherwise noted.

## **STEP 4 – Sign the Membership Covenant**

At the final membership class, you'll have an opportunity to sign the Membership Covenant and Giving Commitment. (The Membership Covenant lays out the responsibilities of the members of our church, and the Giving Commitment provides you with a source of accountability to help you continue joyfully and sacrificially supporting the advance of the gospel.) Once both documents have been signed and submitted, the Membership Director will follow up with you by email.

## **STEP 5 – Schedule Meeting with Your Community Group Leader**

Once you have completed the membership class, your Community Group leader will arrange to meet with you to field any remaining questions you have and to help you further connect to life in the church.

## **STEP 6 – Welcome to the Family**

Once the Membership Director has received your digitally signed Membership Covenant and Giving Commitment (via email), he will officially affirm your status as a Member of Remnant Church and an excited participant in the call to bring the gospel to our city and the world.