

**PEOPLES GOSPEL CHURCH OF MARKHAM**

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## Membership Policy

As a Christian, we are individually identified with Christ, and we also encourage each Christian to identify with a local church. Faithful participation in a local body of believers is a vital part of the Christian life. It brings us into fellowship with other believers, makes us useful to God and His people, and shapes our identity in Christ and our testimony to the outside world.

By God's grace and His perfect design, He has equipped each of us with a variety of spiritual gifts for use in the church (Ephesians 4:11-12). The Lord has fitted each of us with specific talents and abilities that tie into His purposes for our lives.

Every believer has a role within the Body of Christ, and that body cannot function unless everyone is working together (1 Corinthians 12:12-31). The Lord didn't save us to be solo acts—we're meant to work in concert and harmony together as one great choir.

Considering the vital role the local church plays in spiritual growth, PGC encourage Christians in the church who are attending regularly Sunday Services and other Cell Meetings to become PGC member.

### Membership Qualification

- Minimum at the age of 18
- Baptized by PGC or other church holding the same faith (sharing our Statement of Faith)
- If baptized by other church, good standing from the church regularly attended previously. Evidence could include letters of recommendation from the church.
- For applicants who cannot produce the letter of recommendation from previous church, they must have the recommendation from senior pastor of PGC.
- Interested in furthering PGC's purposes and committed to attending the services of PGC for more than six (6) months per year.
- Must have been attending PGC over a period of three months prior to their application and shall indicate their desire to become member of PGC by submitting their application forms to the Membership Committee
- By signing the application form, shall agree in writing with the Statement of Faith and the Covenant of Membership, with living in obedience to the Scriptures, and with being subject to the authority of PGC as expressed in PGC Constitution.
- Shall be subjected to examination of faith and his/her commitment to PGC by at least two interviewers consisting of pastor, elder and/or deacon..

❑ Acceptance of Member

- Accepted into membership in PGC by an Ordinary Resolution of the Board or in such other manner as may be determined by the Board.
- Upon approval, the name of the candidates shall be announced from the pulpit and posted at least two weeks prior to a meeting for receiving the membership.
- The new members shall be welcomed into PGC fellowship at a congregational service or a membership meeting. A membership certificate will be given to the new member.