



WESTWOOD ALLIANCE CHURCH

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TO MAKE DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
WHO LOVE AND LIVE SO AS TO LEAD ALL PEOPLE TO GOD

MEMBERSHIP

We are excited that you are exploring joining the Westwood Alliance Church family!

What is the role of membership at Westwood Alliance Church?

1. The congregation are the primary ministers of the church and as such are critical to the achievement of the mission that God has entrusted to this church.
2. They themselves and their spiritual gifts are essential to the success and health of the church.
3. The congregation as His Body shall commit themselves as individuals to a growing relationship with the Lord, and serving Him according to their spiritual giftedness, passions and abilities.
4. Members have the responsibility to abide by Membership Requirements as defined in the Church Bylaws and are willing to support the vision and mission of the church.
5. The Members of the Church are invited to put forth recommendations for individuals to serve on the Board of Elders. They are to consider Biblical character and life maturity when making their recommendations. Election of Elders will be conducted according to the Church Bylaws.
6. The congregation entrusts under the Headship of Jesus; the responsibility of leadership and the ministry direction to the leaders of Westwood Alliance Church, both elected and hired staff.
7. The members of the congregation are encouraged to bring forth any suggestions for new ministry, changes or improvements to any ministry, policies & procedures, ministries or other. All suggestions should clearly identify the concern or issue, and present viable options. Requests shall be submitted to the leaders of ministry team first, and if necessary, also submitted in writing to the Senior Pastor or Board of Elders. Anonymous communications will not be considered.

8. The congregation shall follow the Westwood Alliance Church Conflict Resolution Process based on Matthew 18:15-18 in all matters of conflict within the church. In the case of conflict with a pastor/an elder, 1 Timothy 5:19 will also apply. Where a member refuses to follow or abide by the process and/or submit to discipline from the Church, their membership will be suspended, and they will be removed from the membership list according to the Church Bylaws.

Membership Covenant

The Members of Westwood Alliance Church will renew annually their covenant of membership as follows:

1. To support the Core Values and Beliefs of the Church.
2. To love one another and work hard to express that love practically as we all grow together in our walk with Christ.
3. To pray for one another. To pray for the Church and for its leadership and mission.
4. To participate in worship and ministries of the Church in order to grow in their faith.
5. To serve faithfully in the ministries and outreach/missional activities of the Church.
6. To support the mission of the Church and the leadership chosen to accomplish that mission.
7. To follow the Westwood Alliance Church Conflict Resolution Process based on Matthew 18:15-18 in all matters of conflict within the church. In the case of conflict with a pastor/an elder, 1 Timothy 5:19 will also apply.
8. To give generously to the financial costs of achieving the mission of the Church.
9. To submit to the leadership and the congregation of Westwood Alliance Church in matters of church discipline in the case of a violation of clear scriptural commands and mandates. Church discipline will follow the pattern outlined in Matthew 18:15-22 and prayerfully take into account the principles of Galatians 6:1-2 and 1 Thessalonians 5:12—22. The goal of church discipline is always restoration of relationship with God and to fellowship within the church. Those who repent and turn from their sin will graciously be restored.

If you have read the above information page and you would like to be join our family, please complete the below application form and submit it to the office via email or drop it off at the office.

Membership Application Form

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Home Ph: _____ Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Marital Status: Married _____ Single _____ Divorced _____ Others _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

FAMILY:

Spouse's Name: _____

Cell Ph: _____ Email: _____

Children's Names:

1. _____ Birth Date: _____

2. _____ Birth Date: _____

3. _____ Birth Date: _____

Previous Church Involvement (if applicable)

Church: _____ Ph: _____

Pastor: _____ Ph: _____

Attended from _____ to _____

Ministry Involvement: _____

I agree Westwood Alliance Church to contact my previous church for reference ___Yes ___No

I once was a Westwood Alliance Church member from year _____ to _____

Membership Requirements

I have accepted Jesus Christ into my life and know Him personally as my Savior.

___Yes ___ No

I was a believer of other religion before I became a Christian:

___ Yes ___ No It was _____

I started to be coming to Westwood in year _____ month _____

Before coming to Westwood Alliance Church, I was:

- A seeker without active church involvement
- A Christian but not actively attending a church
- Attending a church but not a follower of Jesus
- A Christian and active member/participant in church
- I have always attended Westwood Alliance Church

If you have already surrendered to Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior, please share below a brief description of how it took place:

I was baptized as an infant:

Yes No

I have been baptized by immersion since becoming a Christian:

If yes, when? _____ Where? _____

I desire to discover my spiritual gifts and to find an area of ministry involvement.

yes not yet let's talk

I am willing to have a brief interview with the church leadership to discuss the above issues of salvation, baptism, and ministry involvement.

yes not yet let's talk

Responsibilities of being a member at Westwood Alliance Church

I am willing to take Westwood's membership class as required

yes not yet let's talk

I have taken Westwood's membership class before. When? _____

I will strive to regularly attend worship service at Westwood.

yes not really let's talk

I will seek to connect with other believers at Westwood in meaningful relationships.

yes not really let's talk

I am committed to consistent percentage giving to Westwood's ministry, seeking to reach the tithe and go beyond in generosity as God leads.

yes not really let's talk

I will strive to consistently use my spiritual gifts as I minister to others at Westwood.

yes not really let's talk

What do you understand your spiritual gifts to be?

Please list any ministries in which you're currently involved or would like to be:

I will actively encourage those people in my sphere of influence to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

yes not really let's talk

I understand the requirements and responsibilities of membership at Westwood as listed above. I hereby commit myself to the Lord Jesus and His Body, the Church. I will strive to live out my membership commitments in a way that honors Christ so that His Kingdom is advanced.

I also understand that if I fail to live up to these commitments, the leaders of Westwood have a God-given responsibility to help guide and correct me in love.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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For Office Use:

New Application _____ Reinstatement _____

Date Received _____ By _____

Interview by _____ Date _____

Effective Date of Membership _____