



# Membership Policy

15 June, 2019

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

A membership Committee composed of the Pastor and the Pastor's Council shall receive applications for membership, make investigation relating thereto as it deems proper, and shall approve for admission into the assembly those applicants who meet membership requirements.

## **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- Regular attendance at CLCC for a period of 6 Months. (only exception is a letter of transfer)
- Complete the Connect 101 Course (offered twice each year)
- Be Born-Again and water baptized by immersion
- Regular participation in the body through a Connect Group or Serve Team
- Supporting the Church by the giving of tithes and offerings
- Be in agreement with the Statement of Essential Truths, the Local Church Constitution and By-Laws
- Agree to serve the mission and vision of CLCC
- Interview with an individual from the membership committee

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applications for membership shall be received on a signed application form whereby the applicant agrees to abide by the provisions of the Local Church Constitution and By-Laws including the terms of membership as stated in Article 6.1 of our Local Church Constitution and By-Laws.

Applicants will be notified of the approval or rejection by the membership committee. In the case a membership is not accepted, the applicant will be notified why the membership failed to be granted and given recommendations of how they may qualify for membership in the future. \* Membership will be reviewed at least once annually, or leading up to a special congregational vote.

## **TRANSFER**

Members of another church within the PAOC Fellowship may have their membership transferred to CLCC. A letter of transfer from another church must be submitted to the Membership Committee. Membership transfers must adhere to the minimum requirements laid out by the Membership Policy prior to their approval. Members who move to another Church within the PAOC Fellowship shall be given, upon written request, a letter of transfer by the Membership Committee of Cold Lake Community Church.

## **DISMISSAL OF MEMBERSHIP (Referencing By-Law 1.4)**

Grounds for dismissal of membership in this local church shall include the following:

### **VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 1.4.1.1** Voluntary withdrawal from membership in this local church or reception into the membership of another congregation;
- 1.4.1.2** Issuance of a transfer letter;
- 1.4.1.3** Absence from the regular services of this local church for three consecutive months, upon issuance of a letter from the membership committee noting this voluntary withdrawal.

\* When it has been acknowledged that a member of our church has been unexpectedly absent from church services for an extended period of time, a pastor will attempt to contact the individual to learn of their well being and determine the reason for their absence. Efforts will be made to connect with the individual prior to a voluntary withdrawal letter being issued.

### **DISCIPLINARY DISMISSAL OF MEMBERSHIP (Referencing By-Law 1.4.2)**

Upon the conclusion of disciplinary procedures according to By-Law 6 of the *Local Church Constitution and By-Laws* which finds a member responsible for a failure under the causes of disciplinary action.

### **MEMBERSHIP RE-ADMITTANCE**

In the event that a previous member (voluntarily withdrawn or dismissed) re-applies for membership, they will be subject to the latest membership requirements and procedures.