

Reception of New Church Members
Grace Mennonite Fellowship
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Words of Purpose:

Christian Friends: The church is of God and instituted for time and eternity. God planned the church for worshiping, preaching the Word, conducting sacred ceremonies, maintaining Christian community and mutual disciplining, building up believers, and bring sinners to a saving repentance through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Everyone needs God's grace and salvation.

Into our faith community at Grace comes Stephanie, Akiah & Andrea seeking membership. They have been instructed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and received baptism. They have also been instructed in the purpose, mission and history of our church and desire membership.

Testimonies (*Candidates are invited to make a personal statement of why they want to belong to the church, say something about their faith journey, hopes for the church and their commitment to it.*)

Questions:

Friends in Christ, we rejoice in your decision to become members of this congregation in full covenant relationship with the believers who worship and serve God in this place.

Do you now reaffirm your faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ, our Lord, and his gospel?

Answer (we do)

As you willingly unite with this church, will you worship, serve, and share in its ministry, supporting it by your earnest prayers, regular attendance, loyal service, and faithful stewardship, as God gives you strength?

Answer (we do)

Do you promise to live and share with us in the bonds of Christian community, giving and receiving Christ-like love, sharing and bearing one another's joy and pain.

Answer (we do)

Pastor: These persons now presented to you have witnessed to their faith in Jesus Christ and offer themselves as companions in our obedience to Christ. It is our privilege and joy to welcome them into our family of faith.

Congregation: (together)

As sisters and brothers in the body of Christ and members of this congregation, we welcome you as sisters and brothers into Christ's church. We witness to the work of the Holy spirit who has led you to Jesus as Savior and to God as the source of your life.

We promise to encourage you in faith; To rejoice with you in joy, to support you in suffering and to guide you in confusion; To listen to the word God speaks in you and to call out the gifts the Holy Spirit is creating in you. We thank God for your presence in the body of Christ and we ask God's blessing on you all the days of your life.

Pastor: In the name of Christ and the church, I now extend to you the right hand of fellowship and welcome you as sisters and brothers into the membership of this congregation.

Prayer