



MEMBERSHIP



THE KITTAMAQUNDI COMMUNITY
CHURCH

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We invite you to be a member of our community.

COMPONENTS OF MEMBERSHIP

Formal Members Commit in three areas:

OUR FAITH STATEMENT

Our faith statement is not a creed that members are required to agree with. Rather, it is our expression of the core affirmations of the Christian faith, and has evolved over the course of our community's life together. Members of our community hold this faith statement as a guide for their own faith journey. (A copy of our Faith Statement is printed on the back cover.)

OUR COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS

We believe that the Christian life is not just about what we say—it is also about what we do every day. Members of KC commit to five core spiritual practices: daily prayer, scripture study, participation in worship, service to others and sacrificial giving of our resources. We believe that these practices give shape to our lives, making us more available to hear and respond to God's call. For more information see the brochure *KC Commitments*.

OUR CARE GROUPS

Formal Members are required to belong to a CARE group of their choice. CARE groups are small groups led by KC Members, that meet regularly. They allow us to give and receive the support and to provide the accountability we each need to maintain our spiritual commitments and live into God's call in our lives. This purpose is reflected in the acronym CARE: Commitment, Accountability, Reflection, and Engagement. For more information see the brochure, *CARE Groups*.

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

Formal Membership at the Kittamaquondi Community is a personal statement of spiritual commitment. At worship and other community activities, you can't tell Members from other participants in our community. There are no preferences or prerequisites of membership, save those required by our bylaws or operating policies:

- Serving on council (but note that council meetings are open.)
- Calling CARE groups
- Voting. However, we encourage everyone to provide input and participate in community discernments.

(For more information on council, discernment, and CARE and FOCUS groups, see the booklets *Care Groups* and *How it Works*.)

Commitment to the community, the 5 basic KC commitments, and a CARE Group require serious, ongoing consideration, so all members of our community review and renew their commitment to membership annually. There are community members who feel they can commit some years and not others.

So, why become a formal Member? If you are committed to work toward inward and outward growth, personally and in community, and if KC feels like spiritual home to you, we encourage you to become a Member.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

Our Enabling Minister or a member of our Community Life Leadership Team would be happy to talk to you as you consider membership.

You may become a formal Member of KC at any point during the year or during our annual Community Retreat in November.

FAITH STATEMENT OF THE KITTAMAQUONDI COMMUNITY

The Kittamaquondi Community believes that God, the Creator, has a vision of wholeness and reconciliation for the world. That vision is manifested in peace, compassion and mercy, economic and social justice, relationship to and co-creativity with God, and a deep respect for the earth.

We believe God's vision is fulfilled in Jesus' life and teachings. Through the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection, God opens up to the world a new reality.

At Kittamaquondi Community, we are being transformed by the Holy Spirit into the fullness of that new reality. Individually and communally, we commit to grow into fuller relationship with Christ, both spiritually and in the practical affairs of life.

Our inward transformation is marked by a disciplined life that includes daily prayer, weekly worship, regular scripture study, and the sacrificial giving of our time and financial resources.

Our outward transformation is marked by mission through small groups acting in fellowship with the poor, the afflicted, and others who suffer injustice in our society.

We commit to freely give and receive support and accountability, to evoke each other's gifts, to comfort, instruct, and inspire each other, and to witness to our faith. For us, these disciplines are not an end in themselves. Rather, they are tools that bring us closer to God and God's vision as revealed in Jesus.

We are an independent Christian community that welcomes dialogue and diversity of all kinds. We invite everyone to join us as we strive to meet the challenges of living our faith in the world.



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