

SOUTH GRANVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Membership Process for Active and Junior Members

If you wish to become a member of the South Granville Congregational Church, please fill out the attached application and submit it to the Pastor. After submitting the application, you will be contacted to discuss the membership process. The Pastor will then present you to the congregation during a worship service, at which time you would confirm your belief in and agreement to the Church Covenant. You would profess your support for the church, and the congregation would pledge its support for you in your spiritual growth.

*Please keep in mind that when you join our church, you join our church family; and as part of our family, you agree to participate with and support the church on a regular basis. We, at South Granville Congregational Church, love, live, pray and work together. In becoming part of our church, you express your desire to grow in your walk with the Lord and to serve Him together with this local part of the family of God.

Membership Categories and Benefits

Active Member

An Active Member is aged 18 or over and as an Active Member of our church, we expect that you will attend a minimum of (4) four services and/or special events annually (at least one per quarter) in order to maintain your Active Membership status. While we would love to have you join us regularly for Sunday morning services as well as for other church events, we also understand that life circumstances are sometimes beyond our control. If you find yourself in a situation that impedes regular attendance, please let us know. We will do our best to accommodate your extenuating circumstances and will work diligently to assist you in maintaining an Active Membership. An Active Member would be able to vote on all church business and in all elections and would be able to serve on any committee.

Inactive Member

An Inactive Member who has not attended a service or special event for a period of one year or more may reactivate his/her membership by contacting the Membership Committee and/or Pastor.

An Inactive Member may not vote on any church business or in any elections. The Inactive Member would not be allowed to serve on any committees. People who have been longstanding members/family members who have moved away permanently may be changed to an Inactive Member.

Junior Member

A Junior Member is aged 12 to 18 and must attend four (4) services or special events per year. A Junior Member is not eligible to vote in church business elections; however, they may serve on select committees subject to the discretion of the Pastor and/or Congregation. Exceptions include the Finance, Pastor Search, Trustee, Deacon, Nominating, and Membership committees.

Legacy Member

A Legacy Member is someone who is unable to attend regularly but has been an Active Member in good standing for a lengthy period of time. This person would be declared a Legacy Member by the congregation. A Legacy Member would be able to vote by proxy, if necessary.

Friend of the Church

A Friend of the Church is a person who does not wish to become a voting member but would continue to support the church. A Friend of the Church would not be able to vote on church business or elections; however, they may serve on select committees subject to the discretion of the Pastor and/or Congregation. Exceptions include the Finance, Pastor Search, Trustee, Deacon, Nominating, and Membership.

Grandfather Status

This is an exception for people who have regularly attended services but are not a member and can request membership without being required to do a formal process. They will be asked to sign a commitment to the church family and covenant. Regular attendees as of 5/18/2025 can request to be grandfathered in.

Status of Membership

If an **Active Member** has missed six (6) months of services and activities, they will be contacted by the Membership Committee by phone/letter/email. After one (1) year of absences, the Membership Committee will reach out again before they are deemed “Inactive” (except in a case of extenuating circumstances).

Any **Member** who is deceased will be removed from the roll.

Any **Member** who resigns/transfers their membership to another church will be removed from the roll.

Any **Member** or **Friend** who has violated the church Constitution/Bylaws, who has discredited the Church, or has misused any assets of the church will be removed by majority vote of the Membership Committee and recommendation of the Pastor. (1 Peter 4:17)

SOUTH GRANVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
(First) (MI) (Last) (Maiden)

Mailing Address _____
(Street) (PO Box)

(Town) (State) (ZIP)

Email Address _____

Phone (Cell) _____ (Home) _____

Emergency Contact _____
(Name) (Relationship) (Phone)

Past Church Membership(s) _____
(Church Name/Denomination) (Years)

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Membership Status:

Affirmation of Faith ____ Reaffirmation of Faith ____ Transfer ____

Church Transferring from _____

Are you interested in being Baptized? _____

These are the areas of active ministry in our church:

Light Club (Kids' Church)	Women's Group	Choir/Music
Building Maintenance	Yardwork/Landscaping	Church History
Sunshine Committee	Lay Speaker	Bible Study
Finance Committee	Deacons	Trustees
Nominating Committee	Membership Comm.	Pastor Search Comm.
Vacation Bible School	Hosting ABC Family Nights	Supper