



GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

I. BAPTISM

Grace Christian Church of the Philippines is excited that you desire to undergo the ordinance of Believer's Baptism. Your decision is in obedience to Christ and an important step in your spiritual life. Your decision to be baptized is a public declaration of your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Baptism is a symbol of the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. In baptism, the believer is testifying that he was "in Christ" when He died on the cross, that he was buried with Him, and that he has arisen to newness of life because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Grace Christian Church of the Philippines practices believer's baptism by water immersion in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit because it sets forth the essential facts of redemption (the death and resurrection of Christ) and also the essential outlook of the believer (death to sin and alive unto God). (Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:37-41; 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3-10)

Before a person can be baptized, he or she must have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior. The Bible order is always salvation first, then baptism. Baptism does not save!

Based on our church existing church practice and policies, your being baptized at Grace Christian Church of the Philippines also qualifies you to be a member of the church. As a member of the church you affirm and agree to our GCCP Statement of Faith and Church Constitution as well as to the purpose and founding principles of the church. Therefore, if you have a different home church or currently attending another church, we encourage you to get baptized at that church, which is more meaningful.

After your baptism, you will receive a membership certificate in addition to your baptism certificate from our church. Please secure these original forms and perhaps make copies because the church DOES NOT keep duplicates of these certificates in our records.

Qualifications and Requirements

1. You must have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
2. You are living a life that indicates you are born-again and submitting to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in your life.
3. You are willing to learn and follow the teachings and doctrines of Christianity as stated in the GCCP Statement of Faith.
4. You are at least 14 years old at the time of baptism to ensure spiritual maturity and awareness of what you are doing. In extreme circumstances, the church may baptize those under the age of 14 if there is a compelling reason based on the discretion of the pastoral staff of the church. If you are under the age of 18, we will require that your parents/guardians give their consent. While baptism is a personal decision, it is also a

public declaration of your inward faith, and so the church desires that your family knows about this special time in your life. If your parents will not agree to sign the form, then obey them, and remember God knows your heart's intention and desire. You will have the opportunity to participate in the future.

5. You are regularly attending one of the church's worship services for at least six (6) months PRIOR to submission of your application form. Regular church worship outwardly demonstrates the Lordship of Christ in your life and your desire to be part of GCCP. The baptismal class does not replace church worship and you can attend the worship service before or after the class. If you do not regularly attend worship service, your testimony may be put in question and may result in you being disqualified from being baptized at GCCP.
6. You are willing to submit to the authority of the church and be a responsible member of the GCCP community.
7. Baptismal classes are held twice each year and last for eight (8) weeks, typically scheduled in the second and fourth quarters of the year. Baptismal services are usually held 2-3 weeks after class has ended.
8. Fill out the Application Form for Baptismal/Membership Candidates and submit together with all required documents. Incomplete forms will NOT be accepted.
9. A pre-class interview by one of the church's pastors, elders or deacons, prior to admittance into the baptismal class, may be conducted to ensure that you are ready for believer's baptism.
10. Attend the Baptismal and Membership Class. This is an 8-week course that explains the Basics of the Christian Faith and Christian Living to prepare you for Believer's Baptism. Attendance is required for all applicants. Due to the short period covered by the class, you are allowed one (1) excused absence with the approval of the teacher. If you have more than 1 absence from the class, you may be required to retake the course before you can be baptized at GCCP. In very rare and extenuating circumstances, if you have more than 1 absence, make-up classes may be offered. Please come on time; being late for more than 15 minutes after the class starts is considered an absence. Let us take our commitment seriously.
11. At the completion of the class, a final interview by a church pastor, elder, or deacon will be conducted to ask you about your faith in Jesus Christ, your testimony, your understanding of the basics of the Christian Faith, your church worship attendance, and your understanding of your participation of believer's baptism. The church reserves the right to disqualify you from being baptized, even if you attended the class, if we feel you are not ready to be baptized.
12. Having met all of the requirements, if for whatever reason you are unable to attend the scheduled baptismal service date, you have the option of attending the next scheduled baptismal service without having to retake the class. However, if you miss that baptismal service as well, then you will have to retake the class.
13. For more information and clarification regarding any of the above points, please see one of the members of our pastoral staff and we would be happy to help you.

II. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

We believe that membership to a local church is essential in the spiritual walk of a believer for accountability in your Christian testimony, spiritual nourishment and edification, mutual encouragement, enablement for Christian service, and discipline should it be necessary.

Qualifications and Requirements

1. You must have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
2. You must have been baptized into the Protestant faith by a Bible-believing evangelical church acknowledged and recognized by GCCP.
3. You must be living a life that indicates you are born-again and submitting to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in your life.
4. You are willing to learn and follow the teachings and doctrines of Christianity as stated in the GCCP Statement of Faith.
5. You have been attending one of the church's worship services on a regular basis for at least one (1) year PRIOR to submission of your application form. Regular church worship outwardly demonstrates the Lordship of Christ in your life and your desire to be part of GCCP. If you do not regularly attend worship service, your testimony may be put in question and may result in you being disqualified from being baptized at GCCP.
6. You are willing to submit to the authority of the church and be a responsible member of the GCCP community.

Two Ways to Apply for Church Membership

- A. Through Baptism at GCCP
 1. You must fulfill the requirements as stated in the GCCP Guidelines for Application for Baptism and Church Membership.
 2. You must be baptized at GCCP, recognized and presented to the Congregation.
- B. Through the GCCP Membership Class
 1. Fill out the Application Form for Baptismal/Membership Candidates and submit together with all required documents. Incomplete forms will NOT be accepted.
 2. You will be scheduled for a pre-class interview with a church pastor or minister.
 3. Attend the GCCP Membership Class. This is a 4-week course that explains the Mission Statement, Foundational Distinctives, Statement of Faith, and Position Papers of the church. Attendance is required for all applicants. Due to the short period covered by the class, absences will not be allowed. If you are absent for a class, you may be required to retake the class before you can become a member of the church. In very rare and extenuating circumstances, if you have an absence make-up classes may be offered. Please come on time; being late for more than 15 minutes after the class starts is considered an absence. Let us take our commitment seriously.

4. Approval of your application will be based upon the collective recommendation of the GCCP Pastoral Staff. The church reserves the right to accept or deny membership if you fail to meet the requirements.
5. Your membership will be officially recognized upon formal presentation to the GCCP Congregation.
6. For more information and clarification regarding any of the above points, please see one of the members of our pastoral staff and we would be happy to help you.

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III. THE GCCP STATEMENT OF FAITH

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The Scriptures

1. We believe that the Bible, composed of 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is inerrant and verbally inspired of God in all its parts, and is of supreme and final authority in faith and life. *Matthew 5:18 • Luke 24:27,44 • John 5:39; 10:35; 12:48; 17:17 • Romans 15:4 • 1 Corinthians 2:13; 10:11 • 2 Timothy 3:16 • 2 Peter 1:21*

The Trinity

2. We believe in one triune God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections. *Matthew 28:18-19 • Mark 12:29 • John 1:14 • Luke 3:22 • Acts 5:3-6 • 2 Corinthians 13:14 • Hebrews 1:1-3*

Jesus Christ

3. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. *Matthew 1:18-23 • Luke 1:30-35; 2:40 • John 1:1-3,14,18 • Philippians 2:5-8 • 1 Timothy 2:6 • Titus 2:13 • Hebrews 4:15*
4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by His bodily resurrection from the dead. *Isaiah 53:5-6 • Matthew 20:28 • Luke 24:36-43 • John 1:29; 20:25-28 • 2 Corinthians 5:21 • Galatians 3:13 • Hebrews 9:11-12; 10:12-14 • 1 Peter 3:18*
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest and representative, He fulfills the ministry of Intercessor and Advocate. *Ephesians 1:22-23 • Hebrews 1:3; 4:14-16; 7:25; 9:24 • 1 John 2:1*

The Holy Spirit

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the triune God and who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and that He baptizes and indwells all believers, sealing them unto the day of redemption, at the moment of their regeneration. *Matthew 28:19 • John 14:16-17; 16:7-15 • Romans 8:9 • 1 Corinthians 6:11; 12:13 • Ephesians 4:30; 5:18*
7. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine Teacher who fills and empowers all believers for Christian life and service, and who guides believers into all truth; and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit. Some gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as the gift of speaking in tongues and the gift of healing, were temporary gifts, and never the necessary signs of the filling of the Holy Spirit. *John 14:12-17,26 • Acts 4:8, 31 • Romans 8:23 • 1 Corinthians 13:8 • Galatians 5:22 • Ephesians 3:16; 4:30, 5:18*

Origin and Fall of Man

8. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and, that unregenerate man is spiritually dead, and utterly unable of himself to remedy his lost condition. *Genesis 1:26-28; 3:1-14 • Psalm 51:5 • Jeremiah 17:9 • Mark 7:21-23 • John 3:3-6;*

8:42-44 • Romans 3:23; 5:12; 7:18; 8:6-7 • Ephesians 2:1-3 • 1 John 3:8

Salvation Only Through Christ

9. We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man wholly by grace alone and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of sins, and that apart from Christ there is no possible salvation. *Isaiah 64:6 • John 3:16; 6:28-29; 14:6 • Acts 4:12; 16:30-31 • Romans 3:24; 4:4-5; 5:6-9; 6:23 • 2 Corinthians 5:21 • Galatians 3:13 • Galatians 6:15 • Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-9 • Titus 3:5 • James 1:18 • 1 Peter 1:18-19,23*

Eternal Security

10. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power, secured in Christ forever, and guaranteed never to perish; and, that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of salvation through the testimony of God's Word, which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. *John 5:24; 10:27-30; 17:11 • Romans 3:22; 6:14; 8:16,29 • Galatians 3:26 • Ephesians 1:3 • 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 • 2 Timothy 1:12 • Hebrews 7:25 • 1 John 2:1-2; 3:1-3; 5:1-10 • Jude 24*

The Christian Walk

11. We believe that every saved person possesses two natures—the old and the new nature; and, that although the old nature can never be eradicated in this life, provision has been made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. *Romans 6:11-13; 7:15-25; 8:2,4,12-13; 13:14 • Galatians 5:16-23 • Ephesians 4:22-24 • Colossians 2:1-10 • Hebrews 10:10,14 • 1 John 1:7-9; 3:5-9*
12. We believe that all believers should live in such a manner as to glorify their Saviour and Lord; and, that separation from all forms of religious apostasy and compromise, and all worldly and sinful practices, pleasures, and associations is commanded of God. *John 7:7; 15:19 • Romans 12:1-2 • 2 Corinthians 6:14-16 • Ephesians 4:24; 5:11,25-27 • 1 Thessalonians 5:23 • 2 Timothy 1:13; 4:2-5 • Hebrews 10:10,14; 12:10 • 1 John 2:15-17, 3:1-3*

The Church

13. We believe that a New Testament church is a local body of born-again believers associated together for worship, observance of the ordinances of the church, and the spread of the Gospel to all the world. All true Christians are also members of the universal Church which began at the day of Pentecost. *Matthew 16:15-19; 28:19-20 • Acts 1:8; 2:41-42, 47 • Romans 12:2 • 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 • Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:3-10 • Colossians 3:14-15 • Hebrews 10:25*

The Ordinances

14. We believe that there are two ordinances which believers are to observe until he comes—believer's baptism and the Lord's supper; and that the immersion of a believer in water baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit sets forth the essential facts of redemption (the death and resurrection of Christ) and also the essential outlook of the believer (dead to sin and alive unto God). *Matthew 28:19 • Luke 22:14-20 • Acts 2:37-41; 8:36-39; 10:47-48 • Acts 16:32-33; 18:7-8 • Romans 6:3-10 • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

The Enemy

15. We believe in the personal existence of Satan, the great adversary of God and His people,

who is judged at the cross and whose final doom is certain; and, that Christians are able to resist and overcome Satan and his demons through the blood of the Lamb and the whole armor of God. *Isaiah 14:13-14 • Ezekiel 28:13-17 • John 12:31-32; 16:11 • Ephesians 6:12-18 • 1 Timothy 3:7 • 2 Peter 2:4 • Jude 6 • Revelation 20:10*

Last Things

16. We believe in the imminent return of the Lord for His church before the seven-year tribulation period, and in His subsequent glorious and visible return to the earth with His saints to establish His millennial kingdom. *Jeremiah 30:7 • Daniel 9:27 • Matthew 25:15-46 • John 14:3 • Acts 1:6-7 • Acts 15:16-17 • Romans 8-11; 13:11 • 1 Corinthians 5:51-58 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 • 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8 • 1 Timothy 4:1-3 • 2 Timothy 3:1-5 • Titus 2:13 • Revelation 3:10; 19:11-16; 20:1-6*

The Eternal State

17. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men—the saved to eternal conscious bliss with the Lord, and the unsaved to everlasting, conscious punishing in the Lake of Fire. *Daniel 12:1-2 • Matthew 25:41 • Mark 9:44 • John 5:25-29 • 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 • Revelation 6:9-10 • Revelation 20:10-15; 21:1-8*

~End of Statement~

靈會基督教會洗禮/轉會申請表
GCCP Baptism / Church Membership Application Form

Date of Application: _____

I am applying for: Baptismal and Church Membership
 Church Membership Only

PERSONAL PROFILE

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| Last Name | | | |
| Given Name(s) | | | |
| Middle Name | | | |
| Maiden Name | | | |
| A.K.A. (Nickname) | | | |
| Chinese Name | | | |
| Civil Status | | | |
| Gender | | | |
| Birthdate | <i>mm</i> | <i>dd</i> | <i>yyyy</i> |
| Profession | | | |

FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS

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| Father's Name | | | |
| Mother's Name | | | |
| Siblings | | | |
| Spouse's Name | | | |
| Children | | | |

CONTACT INFORMATION

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| Email | | | |
| Cellphone | | | Landline |
| Home Address | <i>No., Street, Baranggay</i> | | |
| | <i>City</i> | <i>Province/State</i> | |
| | <i>Country</i> | <i>Zip Code</i> | |
| Mailing Address <i>(if different from Home Address)</i> | | | |

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Your application is considered incomplete until the following documents are submitted:*
- Duly accomplished Application Form
 - Acknowledgement and Agreement to the GCCP Policies, Guidelines and Statement of Faith
 - Parental Consent Form (for applicants below 18 years old)
 - Clear photocopy of your NSO/PSA Birth Certificate
 - 2x2 picture with your name
 - Proof of Baptism (if already baptized in another recognized evangelical church)
 - Personal testimony of salvation, typed (preferred) or handwritten on 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Should clearly state the following details:
 - Your family background
 - Your life before accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior
 - What a person must do to receive eternal life
 - Circumstances (why, when, how) surrounding your accepting of Jesus Christ as your personal Savior
 - Your life after accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior
 - Why you decided to be baptized at GCCP and why you want to make GCCP your church home

----- FOR GCCP PASTORAL STAFF -----

PRE-CLASS INTERVIEW

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| Interviewed by | | | |
| Date Interviewed | | | |
| Remarks | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved to enroll in Baptismal / Membership Class | | | |

FINAL INTERVIEW

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| Interviewed by | | | |
| Date Interviewed | | | |
| Remarks | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved to be baptized and/or be a member of the church | | | |

Membership No. _____

CHURCH ATTENDANCE & INVOLVEMENT

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| Which GCCP Worship Service do you usually attend? | <input type="checkbox"/> Sat 6:00pm <input type="checkbox"/> Sun 7:30am <input type="checkbox"/> Sun 9:00am <input type="checkbox"/> Sun 11:00am |
| How often do you attend worship service at GCCP? | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular (3/4 or 4/5 wks a month) <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally (twice a month) <input type="checkbox"/> Seldom (once a month) <input type="checkbox"/> Not attending |
| How long have you been attending GCCP? | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months—1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 years <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10 years |
| Are you part of and regularly attend a GCCP LifeGroup? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No LifeGroup Leader's Name: Contact Number: |
| Do you participate or have you participated in any GCCP program/activity/event? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please specify activity/event/fellowship you've attended: |

SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND

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| I have received the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, when? |
| Have you been previously baptized (i.e. infant/child baptism, sprinkling, etc.)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Place/Church where you were baptized: Date of Baptism: |
| Since my conversion, I continue to receive spiritual nourishment from: | <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> a Christian <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| After my conversion, I have not been concerned about my spiritual growth. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| I have a regular daily devotion/quiet time with the Lord. | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat regular <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional <input type="checkbox"/> Seldom <input type="checkbox"/> I don't have a quiet time |
| At present, my values are a mixture of Christian and worldly beliefs. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| I have dedicated my life to Jesus Christ and desire to fully obey and follow Him. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| I am ready to learn more about the Bible in depth. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| I am willing to be equipped to grow spiritually. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| I am eager to serve the Lord by participating in a ministry of GCCP | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please indicate desired ministry: |

Acknowledgement and Agreement

To the Baptism and Church Membership Guidelines and Policies

As a candidate for membership in Grace Christian Church of the Philippines, Samuel Dee St., Grace Village, Barangay Apolonio Samson, Quezon City, attesting that the information I provided in the application is true and accurate, have read the GCCP Membership Guidelines and Information carefully and affirms the Mission Statement, Foundational Distinctives, Statement of Faith, and Position Papers of the church. I understand that if I am not regularly attending a GCCP worship service, fail to complete the Baptismal and/or Membership Class, or do not pass the pre-class or post-class interviews, I may be disqualified as a candidate for Baptism and/or Church Membership.

Applicant's Signature over Printed Name

Date

Parental Consent

For Candidates Under the Age of 18

I, the parent/guardian of _____, having read and understood the Grace Christian Church of the Philippines Baptismal and Membership Guidelines and Information, hereby allow my son/daughter to be baptized by GCCP and be a member of the Church.

Parent / Guardian's Signature over Printed Name

Date