

迦南台灣基督教會員的歡迎和準備

前言

迦南教會堅信對於教會的委身是基督信仰一個重要的部份。成為教會的會員是充滿喜樂、祝福和鼓勵，並且和弟兄姐妹在基督裡一起學習和成長。身為迦南教會的會員，我們承諾要在教會中活出基督的信仰。這個承諾是我們彼此之間的一個誓約：

1. 成為耶穌基督的門徒，願意跟隨耶穌基督，在靈命上更加的成熟。
2. 在信心，知識和品格上彼此建造。
3. 透過時間、恩賜和金錢的奉獻來參與教會的事工。
4. 長老和牧者受命於會友靈命牧養的責任，所以會員必須順服牧長在屬靈上的權柄；。

加入會員的程序

1. 在迦南教會，透過信仰的告白方能成為會員；會員透過洗禮或堅信禮來作信仰的告白。在其他教會已領受洗禮或是堅信禮的弟兄姐妹可以將教會會籍轉到迦南教會。
2. 要成為迦南教會的會員，必須在下一個受洗/轉會籍日的六個星期前(或更早)告知牧師、長老或是執事並填寫分享會員申請表
3. 牧師、長老、或是執事同工邀請該弟兄姐妹在受洗、堅信禮或是轉會籍之前參加會員迎新預備課程。在四至六個禮拜的課程中，該申請人將認識迦南教會 異象，核心價值，信仰內涵以及特別事工，內容包括: a. 信仰告白：使徒信經(牧師負責)， b. 迦南教會的異象和歷史(主任牧師/小會長老)， c. 靈命成長導引(牧師/長老), d. 會員的事工及服事(牧師/長老)。這些課程內容將放在會員的歡迎和準備資料袋與申請人分享。
4. 完成會員的歡迎和準備課程之後，申請人將會會員申請表、牧師與長老的推薦以及書面的信仰見證(將使用來和小會及會友分享)一起呈送給小會。小會將安排時間與申請人會面，作最後的確認，並且推薦該申請人領受洗禮、堅信禮、或接納成為迦南教會會員，成為基督門徒、參與教會事奉。
5. 每年預定三個主日(春季，夏季/秋季，冬季) 接納會員

2010-2011 受洗與接納會員日期安排如下：[2010 下半年度]: 8/1(8), 10/3(10), 12/5(12)

[2011 年度預定日]: 4/24(復活節期), 8/21(聖靈降臨節期), 12/11(待降節期) 聯合舉行

Membership Orientation and Preparation at Canaan Taiwanese Christian Church

Introduction

We at Canaan Taiwanese Christian Church (CTCC) believe that commitment to a local church community is a central part of Christian faith. Membership in any local church is meant to be a joyous journey of blessing, encouragement, and achievement of one's potential in Christ. As members of CTCC, we commit to living out our faith through this local church body. This commitment is our covenant with one another to:

1. Become disciples of Jesus Christ who seek to grow into spiritual maturity.
2. Build one another up in faith, knowledge, and character.
3. Support the mission of CTCC by giving their time, talents, and finances.
4. Submit themselves to the spiritual authority of the church's elders and pastors, who have the responsibility to shepherd the congregation.

Membership Process

1. At CTCC, only individuals who have made a profession of faith in Christ may become members. Members indicate their profession of faith by baptism or confirmation of faith. Those who have been baptized or confirmed in another congregation may transfer their membership to CTCC.
2. Anyone who seeks membership at CTCC should first speak to a minister, elder, or deacon at least six weeks before the next scheduled baptism and transfer of membership date with his/her membership application.
3. The minister, elder, or deacon will then invite the candidate to join a membership orientation class prior to baptism, confirmation, or transfer. During this mandatory 4-6 week orientation class, candidates will be introduced to the vision, values, beliefs, and distinctive of CTCC, including a. Confession of faith-the Apostle's Creed (by pastors), b. CTCC vision and history (by the senior pastor/elders), c. Guides for spiritual growth (by pastors/elders), and d. Christian ministry and service opportunities (by pastors/elders). A membership packet will be shared during the discerning and orientation process.
4. Upon completion of the orientation class, candidates will submit their membership application to the Session accompanied by the recommendation of service/ministry pastors and elders and a written faith journey (to be shared with the Session and the congregation/ community groups). The Session will meet applicants for final confirmation for baptism, confirmation, or acceptance of transfer of membership and issue a call for the candidate to become a member and to serve at CTCC.
5. Each year 3 Sundays scheduled for receiving members. (Spring/Easter Season, summer/fall/Pentecost Season, winter/Advent season) 2010-2011 Schedule of receiving membership: **[2010]:** 8/1(8), 10/3(10), 12/5(12) **[2011]:** 4/24(Easter Season), 8/21(Pentecost Season), 12/11(Advent season)jointly observing.