

## **Membership**

The Place Community Church is a local congregation of the historic Christian church and it is an inclusive, evolving community of faith. We hold Christ at the centre, guiding us to seek the living presence of love, peace, grace, wisdom, and wonder in all creation.

Membership is a publicly acknowledged affiliation with the responsibilities of belonging to a particular congregation of the Christian church. In contemporary Canada, it also includes the responsibilities of being a voting member of a legal entity formed under British Columbia Society Act and federal charitable status with CRA.

### **Core values of The Place:**

Christ (at the centre) - *Seek Christ throughout.*

Authenticity - *Be who you truly are.*

Community - *Commune with all creation.*

Grace - *Hold space for the struggle.*

Mystery - *Embrace the unknowable.*

### **Members:**

1. Are 18 years of age or older.
2. Freely and personally desire to be a member.
3. Accept that the Church assents to historic Christian orthodoxy as found in such traditions as the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds as well as those values listed above, keeping in mind that even those ancient creeds were human projects, and that our human understandings will forever be a work-in-progress.
4. Understand the requirement for members to be participants in the community, and contributors of both time and finances toward the ministries and operations of The Place, according to their ability.
5. Have attended The Place for at least 3 months.

The Church Board will consider and approve membership applications at the next regular board meeting after the application is received. Member(s) of the Board may meet with the applicant for further discussion and/or questions from the applicant.

The Place membership list will be maintained and updated, in accordance with the BC Societies' Act, by the Board Secretary. Members will receive a form to renew their membership each calendar year. If they do not renew their membership, they will be removed from the membership list at the end of the following calendar year. A member may also withdraw their membership by writing to the board at any time.

*This policy was adopted by the Board on 05 February 2025*