Rolling Hills Covenant Church

Membership Information and Application

"To know Jesus intimately, to share His love and truth passionately"

Basis for Membership

"Membership in this church is granted to anyone who through faith in God's Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has been born anew to a living hope, desires to live a Christian life, promises to support the total ministry of this church, and to share its fellowship and obligations. It is recommended that each be baptized." --RHCC Constitution

Recommended Procedure for Membership

1. Attend ***Rooted***. To register or for more information about ***Rooted***, contact Adult Ministries at (310) 521-2530.
2. Turn in a completed Membership Application to the Director of Ministry Services.
3. You will be contacted by a pastor or elder to set up your Membership Interview appointment.
4. Attend your Membership Interview appointment where you will have the opportunity to share your personal testimony.
5. Attend the next regularly scheduled quarterly ***Congregational Business Meeting*** following your Membership interview appointment. The names of prospective members are read and then approved by congregational vote.
6. Within a few weeks following the Congregational Business Meeting, you will receive your ***Certificate of Membership*** in the mail.

Benefits of Membership

- **Ability to vote at Congregational Business Meetings and have a voice in decision-making**. These meetings are conducted a minimum of once each quarter and more often as required. Issues of budget, policy, doctrine, membership, and church purpose come before the congregation for discussion and vote.

- **Eligibility to serve as a church officer and on one of ten Commissions**: Children's; Local Outreach; Worship, Music and Creative Arts; Stewardship; Personnel; Finance and Property; Student Commission; Adult Ministries; and Spiritual Formation. The commissions design and implement policy and programs for their area, and are accountable to the Church Council and congregation.

- **Eligibility to serve as a Church Elder and serve on the Church Council**. The Council delegates authority and responsibility for particular Church ministries to the commissions.

- **Eligibility for support for overseas missions.** Should you be called to serve as a short- or long-term missionary, membership provides you eligibility to receive financial support from the church.

Members look for commitment; Attenders look for convenience.
Members are participants; Attenders are spectators.
Members are contributors; Attenders are consumers.
Members "marry" the church; Attenders are "living together."
From The Purpose Driven Life, pages 136-137.

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Membership Application

Personal Information

Please print. ❑ Mr ❑ Mrs ❑ Ms ❑ Miss ❑ Dr

Name_____ ❑ Male ❑ Female

Name as you would like it to appear on the membership certificate_____

Address_____City_____Zip_____

Phone: Home_____ Work/Cell_____ E mail: _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ (will be kept confidential)
Month Day Year

Are you a student? ❑ Jr. High ❑ High School ❑College

Marital Status: ❑ Single ❑ Married ❑ Widowed

Spouse's name_____ and Birthdate ____/____/____

Date of marriage: Date____/____/____

Does your spouse currently attend RHCC? ❑ Yes ❑ No

Names of children living at home (indicate birthdates, last names, and gender):

_____ ❑ M ❑ F _____ ❑ M ❑F

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Former Church Information

Name of former church_____

Phone_____

Address_____City_____Zip_____

1. Were you a member? ❒ Yes ❒ No Approximate date:_____ to _____
2. Please briefly state reasons for leaving former church:_____

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3. Are there any unresolved issues between you and your former church? ❑ Yes ❑ No
4. If yes, please explain:_____

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Membership Information

1. How long have you been attending RHCC?_____
2. Have you completed the 10 week ***Rooted*** experience? ❑ Yes ❑ No
3. Do you believe the Bible is God's Word?_____
4. Who is Jesus Christ?_____

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5. If you were to die today, what would happen to you and why?_____

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6. Have you been water baptized following your salvation experience? ❑ Yes ❑ No
   If not, would you like to be baptized now? ❑ Yes ❑ No

Personal Testimony

❒ Yes, I accepted Christ while at RHCC. If so, ❒ In last 12 months or ❒ Over 12 months ago

Please share your testimony of salvation by responding to the following three statements:

1. Describe briefly your life before you trusted Christ:

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2. Describe briefly how you came to Christ:

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3. Describe briefly your life after you trusted Christ (changes He has made, etc.):

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4. Are you a part of a small group that meets regularly to pray and study God's Word? ❒ Yes ❒ No

5. What are your most prominent spiritual gifts? ❒ Not Sure

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In what ministry(ies) do you intend to contribute your time, gifts and talents?

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Membership Commitment

Having trusted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior, and being in agreement with RHCC's purpose, vision, core values, Constitution and Bylaws, I now believe the Holy Spirit is leading me to unite with the Rolling Hills Covenant Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other church members to do the following:

To know Jesus intimately...
- *...by spending time daily in prayer and reading of His Word.*
- *...by seeking His will and trusting Him in every aspect of my life.*
- *...by attending the corporate worship services on a consistent basis.*
- *...by being faithful in the stewardship of my time, abilities, and financial resources.*

To share His love and truth passionately...
- *...by acting in love toward those we encounter in our daily walk of life.*
- *...by participating in regular fellowship, accountability, and prayer with other believers (such as a small group, Bible study, etc.)*
- *...by using my spiritual gift(s) in serving the Lord.*
- *...by praying for those in my circle of relationships that do not know the Lord.*
- *...by faithfully sharing the gospel as the Lord provides the opportunity.*

_____ _____
Signature Date

It is our hope that all members feel they have a shepherd they can turn to in times of need. Please select the individual below that you feel most strongly would serve you in this role, or indicate if you would like the staff to select an appropriate shepherd on your behalf: (check one)

❒ Nate Aanderud	❒ Steve Bunyard	❒ Sam Evans	❒ Andrew Faris
❒ Carol Gibbs	❒ Lloyd Gilbert	❒ David Halverson	❒ Garrick Hanger
❒ Vance Hartzell	❒ Brenda Herrera	❒ Shawn Hurley	❒ Matthew Kennedy
❒ David Krall	❒ Andy Noch	❒ Rob Orr	❒ Nori Terashima
❒ John Thill	❒ **Select for me**		

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1. Application returned to RHCC _____
Date Director of Ministry Services

2. Interviewers' recommendation _____
Approve / Disapprove Signature Date
Comments: _____ _____
_____ Signature Date

3. Recommendation approved by congregational vote _____
Date A.A./D.M.S.