

Membership Application Form
EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church

Name	Birthday	<i>(mm-dd-yr)</i>
Address		
Home Number	Work Number	Cell Number
Email:		

1. Have you trusted in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour? yes no
2. Do you remember time and place you accepted Christ? yes no generally
if yes or generally, when? .
3. Write a brief testimony of how you came to know Christ and decided to follow Him.

5. Have you been baptized since becoming a Christian? yes no
if yes, when and where?
if no, are you prepared to be baptized? yes no

4. When did you start attending EastRidge?

3. Why do feel now is the time to become a member?

5. Do you have a church membership elsewhere? yes no
if yes, when and where?

6. Are you affiliated with a lodge or secret society? yes no

7. Have you read the Covenant of Membership? (see attached) yes no
Are you in agreement with it? yes no
if no, what are your concerns?

8. Evangelical Missionary Church Statement Articles of Faith? (see attached) yes no
Are you in agreement with it? yes no
if no, what are your concerns?

Requirements for Membership

- must have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour
- must have had believers baptism, preferably by immersion
- attend the membership classes
- read and affirmed the Covenant of Membership and Evangelical Missionary Church Articles of the Faith
- you must satisfy Elders Pastoral Team that you have an active faith and understand what membership involves.
- willing to be recognized in a service

Signature: _____ Date:

office use only
attended and recommended by the membership class teacher
Signature: _____ Date:
approved by the Elders Pastor Team Date:

OUR VISION

“Striving To Be Loving & Authentic Followers of Jesus”

Because of the amazing love, hope and faith that we have found in Jesus Christ,

We want to be **followers of Jesus** who live and breath His mission,

- people who love to worship God
- people of obedience and joy
- people who proclaim new life in Christ

We want to be ambassadors of Jesus, an **authentic** church family,

- people of humility and integrity
- people of mercy and reconciliation
- people of peace and grace.

We want to engage our world with Jesus' **love** and passion,

- risking deep friendships with our neighbours
- identifying with the hurting and lonely
- caring for the needy and the marginalized
- working for justice in the midst of injustice

OUR MISSION

A Faithful Community – All on Mission with God:

Vibrant in Love – Intentional in Growth – Active in Service

Our plan is to be a *faithful* community of Christ-followers - **all on mission with God** where we live, work and play; connecting people around us with the truth and transformation found in Jesus Christ alone.

We will stay on mission with God by creating...

- a *vibrant* church family united around our growing **love** for God, one another and our neighbours – excited about sharing the love of Christ with others.
- an *intentional* culture of **growth**, developing followers of Christ who are transformed and empowered by the Presence and Word of God.
- an *active* community, equipped with a **servant's** heart, actively serving others in generous, creative, spontaneous, joyful and selfless manner.

THE EASTRIDGE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

“Having received Christ as my Lord and Saviour and being in agreement with EastRidge’s statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

I. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

1. By acting in love toward other members.

“So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together.” Rom. 15:19

“Live in complete harmony with each other — each with the attitude of Christ toward each other.” Rom 15:5

“Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts.” 1 Peter 1:22

2. By refusing to gossip.

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..” Eph. 4:29

3. By following the leaders.

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you.” Heb. 13:17

II. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

1. By praying for its growth.

“To the church... we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly.” 1 Thess. 1:2

2. By inviting the unchurched to attend.

"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full." Luke 14:23

3. By warmly welcoming those who visit.

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Rom. 15:7

III. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

1. By discovering my gifts and talents.

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..." 1 Peter 4:10

2. By being equipped to serve, by the leadership of my church.

"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph. 4:11-12

3. By developing a servant's heart.

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..." Phil 2:3-4, 7

IV. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

1. By attending faithfully.

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Heb. 10:25

2. By living a godly life.

"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." Phil. 1:27

3. By giving regularly.

"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." 1 Cor. 16:2

"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy." Lev. 27:30

EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY CHURCH ARTICLES OF FAITH

ABOUT THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible, consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy, and the only final authority in all matters of faith and conduct. The Bible, as originally written under the inspiration and supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit by human authors, is the Word of God, the supreme source of truth for Christian belief. The Bible reveals who God is, exposes who we are in light of His holiness, proclaims God's merciful salvation and teaches and trains Christ's followers how to grow in relationship with God and others.

Psalm 119:105; Matthew 4:4; John 17:17; II Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; II Peter 1:20-21

ABOUT GOD

We believe in the one true, living and holy God who is a self-existent, eternal, personal Spirit eternally existent as a trinity of three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These persons are distinct but inseparable, one in essence, power, and glory. God is the transcendent and immanent Creator, Sustainer and Ruler of all things visible and invisible.

Genesis 1:1-2; Isaiah 44:6-8; John 1:1-3, 14; I Corinthians 2:9-12; Colossians 1:15-16, 2:9; Hebrews 1:3

We believe that the Father is eternally the Father of the Son, the author of salvation, and now the Father of all who are born again into new life through faith in Christ.

Gen. 1:1. Ps. 90:2. John 13:3; Eph. 1:2-4; I Pet. 1:2-4.

We believe in Jesus Christ in whom the divine and human natures are inseparably united. He is truly God and truly man, the eternal Son of God in the flesh, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary. He came to reveal the Father, announce the arrival of God's Kingdom with word, miracles and deeds, and to offer Himself up as a sinless atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. He was physically raised from the dead and then exalted to the right hand of the Father.

In fulfilling the earthly mission of His first coming, Jesus demonstrated a life of victory on our behalf over Satan and sin, provided the only way for people to be rescued from sin, and opened the way to live a holy life as participants in the Kingdom of God. He continues now as the only Mediator between God and humanity. Jesus will, at the Father's appointed time, come again in power and glory.

Matthew 1:18-25, 4:17, 23; Luke 23-24; John 1:1-18, 6:37-47, 10:10; 14:6; I Corinthians 15:3-8; Hebrews 4:14-15, 9:14-15; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 2:4-6a.

We believe in the Holy Spirit - who is fully God and, while not to be confused with the Father and Son, remains one with the Father and the Son in being, majesty, and glory. The Holy Spirit convinces of the need of a saving relationship with God and engages every person who trusts and follows Jesus in a life giving relationship.

Through His indwelling presence the Holy Spirit gives the believer spiritual life, assurance of salvation, understanding and guidance in all truth, and power to live out the Christian life. The Holy Spirit gives all believers the ability to accomplish God's purposes for their lives with spiritual abilities and gifts to use for God's glory and the service of others.

John 1: 12,13; 3:5-8, 16:7-14; Romans 8:5-17, 26-27; I Corinthians 2:10-12, 12:4-11; Ephesians 3:16-21; Galatians 5:22-25; Ephesians 6:10-18

ABOUT HUMANITY

We believe that God created humankind in His image, male and female, to enjoy a loving relationship with Him and with one another. God specially created humankind as the climax of His creative work on earth and established the family, based on covenant marriage between one man and one woman, as the building block of human community. We believe individual human lives are to be valued from conception, because God loves each one at every stage of life and desires that each one will come to know and love Him.

Through human rebellion against God we have fallen and have come to be marred by a sinful nature. Humanity, apart from Christ, is now spiritually dead and, unless born again through Christ, cannot see the kingdom of God. We, in our own strength, without divine grace, cannot do good works pleasing and acceptable to God or bring glory to Him as we were designed to do. Through the finished work of Christ

and God's grace experienced in the influence and empowering of the Holy Spirit individuals are enabled to exercise their will to accept God's gift and will.

Personal acceptance of Christ's redemptive work results in a restored relationship with God and freedom to fulfill our created purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gen. 6:5; John 3:3-7; Rom.3:10,18, 23; Eph. 2:1-3; Titus 2:11-14.

ABOUT SALVATION

We believe that in spite of our rebellion, God still loves all of humanity and has mercifully extended His life-giving grace toward us. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, people who believe in Him are forgiven of sin and declared righteous (justification), are made spiritually alive (regeneration), and are set apart into a never-ending relationship with Him as holy people who are being renewed in the image of God (sanctification).

True belief will be evidenced by heartfelt repentance from and godly sorrow for sin, complete trust (faith) in Jesus Christ as Saviour, and surrender to His will as Lord. Spiritual life will result in spiritual fruit in a life increasingly marked by love for God, fellow believers and the lost.

Salvation is God's gracious gift, to be accepted through faith, through which the believer can be assured of personal salvation which speaks to the past in the forgiveness of sins, to the present of a continuing walk with Christ, and to the future with the promise of resurrection life. Our assurance is in our continuing relationship with Christ by faith. As a result of the saving grace of Christ, the believer can experience a Spirit-filled, Spirit-gifted, and Spirit-led life of victory over sin. In submission to the Spirit the believer's life will show increasing alignment with the Great Commandment and Great Commission of Jesus.

Matt 10:22; 22:37-40; 28:18-20; John 3:16-21; 15:4; Acts 2:22-42; Romans 5:1-2, 6:11,19-23; II Corinthians 5:14-6:2; Ephesians 2:8-10

ABOUT THE CHURCH

We believe that the true Church consists of all people everywhere who have been reborn through personal participation, by faith, in the death and resurrection of Christ, being called out to become part of the body of which Christ is the Head. The Church is visible to the world when believers gather in community and when they are active in serving and blessing others in Jesus' name. The Church is the evidence of God's saving work and a strategic part of God's plan to reflect His grace, proclaim His truth, and extend His care to the world. The people of God have been sent on mission to the world – to love and worship God in a spirit of unity, to teach the Word of God, to celebrate Baptism and Communion, to encourage all people to follow Jesus, and to participate in the ever-growing kingdom of God.

Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 3:8-1, 14-21; 4:1-16; Colossians 1:18-23

ABOUT THINGS TO COME

We believe that God intervenes in the affairs of this world. At the time of God's choosing, Jesus will bodily return to the earth in power and glory to judge and rule the world, as God's Kingdom is fully and forever established.

We believe the promise of Scripture that God will create a new heaven and a new earth which will be the eternal dwelling place of those who have been made righteous in Christ.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all humanity to stand before God for final judgment. Those who have not accepted His life-giving grace will be raised to experience eternal punishment being separated from God and all that is good. Those who have trusted in Christ will be raised to live eternally in God's presence and receive the promised reward.

Matt 16:27; 25:31-46; John 5:24-29. 14:1-6; Acts 17:31; Rev. 20:11-15; 21:1-9.