

# WEST EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

## INFORMATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

We are excited that you are considering membership! It would be a tremendous privilege for West E. Free to have you as a member of the church and for you, it would be a privilege to be a member at this local church! If you are a follower of Jesus Christ and have a desire to grow and serve, membership at West E. Free could be something you pursue!

West E. Free Church is a family, adopted by God (Gal. 4:6-7; Eph. 1:5). We care for each other, pray for each other, and serve together. If you're already a Christian, if you're already in some form of West E. Free community, if you're already giving of your finances and your time, then you're already fulfilling some functions of a member. Membership means you are on board. This is your church family and you want to be part of this mission. You want to care for others and receive care from them. (Eph. 2:19 cf. Gal. 6:10). Membership also allows you to serve in some leadership capacities in which God may have gifted you to serve!

We invite you to prayerfully fill this form out and move towards becoming part of the membership at this local church, West E. Free.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Because we have a congregational form of government, we will publish this form in our Quarterly Business Meeting agenda packet.**

### My Testimony

Share with us the story of your conversion to Jesus Christ and how that is currently impacting your life. (use a separate page, if necessary.)

**Agreement of Membership**

Our church will receive as members those who have, by faith, accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, who in their lives manifest the fruits of the true faith in God, and who are willing, according to their ability, to support the church by their prayer, participation, service, and contributions. People who become members of WEFC and are not baptized are urged to take this step at the earliest opportunity. (*Acts 2:38, 42, 47; Romans 6:3,4*).

Are you willing to commit to living out the statements above regarding being a member at WEFC?

Have you been baptized?

If No, would you like to be baptized?

**My Lifestyle Commitment to Being/becoming a Fully Devoted follower of Jesus Christ**

As a church we emphasize the 7C's (characteristics of a fully-devoted follower of Christ.) They are *Communion* with God, *Competent* in the Word, *Consistent* in my walk, *Connected* to the body, *Commissioned* for ministry, *Committed* to the lost and *Compassion* for those in need.

Are you committed to seeing all seven characteristics developed and growing in your life?

What area would you like to focus on in the coming year to continue to grow? How can elders and staff at WEFC help you with this process?

**My Alignment with WEFC's Mission, Unique Calling, Statement of Faith and By-laws (attached):**

Can you fully agree to and support West E. Free's mission, unique calling, statement of faith, membership covenant, and West E. Free By-laws, and work in unity with other members for the good of this church?

Why or Why not?

(please note any questions or areas of disagreement in any of the above)

**My Service / Ministry**

Where are you currently involved in ministry here, or how do you think God might use you to serve in this church family?

Are you committed to regularly serving here?

When this form is completed, please submit it to the office. It will be reviewed by elders and you will be contacted soon to set up a time to visit with two elder/representatives. After the interview and elder recommendation, your form will be sent on to a quarterly business meeting where members will get to vote on your membership request.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Board Action: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Congregational Announcement: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Christ's command to the church is to *make* disciples. His command to us as individuals is to *become* disciples who make disciples. To this end, WEFC provides vision and training, and establishes the outreach and in reach structures to provide an environment for spiritual growth. But what happens in your life depends primarily on you (in cooperation with the Holy Spirit.) You must choose to become a disciple.

## West Evangelical Free Membership Covenant

As a believer in Jesus Christ and as member I commit myself to God and to unity with other members. I commit to living out West Evangelical Free Church's Mission and Unique calling, and am in agreement with West Evangelical Free Church's bylaws. My life will be characterized by the following:

- 1. I will pursue Communion with God**  
I will grow in a passion for God that draws me to Him and motivates me to live for Him.
- 2. I will seek to be Competent in the Word**  
I will regularly be informed and transformed by the Word of God.
- 3. I will be Consistent in my walk**  
I will strive to consistently live out my faith in every area of my life (consistent obedience).
- 4. I will be Connected to the body**  
I will seek to develop some deep transparent relationships, plus a genuine commitment to the body of Christ.
- 5. I will seek to be Commissioned for ministry**  
I will regularly use my talents and spiritual gifts in the power of the Holy Spirit to serve the body of Christ.
- 6. I will be Committed to the lost**  
I will grow in a lifestyle that makes both personal and corporate evangelism a high priority.
- 7. I will have Compassion for those in need**  
I will strive to actively care for people in need.

**Mission** – Developing fully-devoted followers of Christ by intentionally building those who know Christ and passionately pursuing those without Christ.

**Our Unique Calling** – Multiplying churches that multiply churches to reach our county for Christ.