

Membership

Members shall be those followers of Christ who are serving the greater good of the body of Christ through the mission and ministries of Hood Memorial Christian Church. Members have the right and responsibility of voting on all matters brought before the congregation. A member is eligible to serve as a deacon, an elder, or an officer.

1. Becoming a Member

- a. An individual becomes a member when he/she expresses the desire to be a member to the pastor(s), membership coordinator, or gathered congregation and (1) makes or affirms their profession of faith, (2) is baptized or confirms a previous baptism, and (3) is actively engaged in the mission and ministry of the church.
- b. The church board, pastor(s), and membership coordinator bear responsibility in asking those who are engaged in the mission and ministry of the church to become members.
- c. The church board or its representatives (eg. membership coordinator, pastor, and/or Task Force) shall be responsible for (1) affirming the membership of those persons who express the desire to be a member and (2) keeping and maintains records of all current members, associate members, and church affiliates.
- d. The church shall, at regular intervals, acknowledge new members during worship for the greater good of the congregation.

2. Associate Member

- a. An Associate Member is an individual or family who is a part-time or short-term resident of the community and requests membership in this church while retaining church membership in his or her home community.
- b. Associate membership shall convey all the rights of membership except eligibility to serve as a deacon, elder, or officer

3. Church Affiliate

- a. Affiliates shall be those persons for whom the church holds and maintains records of profession of faith, baptism, and/or and prior membership, but who are not participating in the mission and ministry of the church. NOTE: Affiliates are similar to what some churches might call "inactive members." However, we recognize that "inactive member" is an oxymoron since membership implies at least some level of activity and participation.