

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PRIVILEGES

Church members will be afforded the opportunities to:

1. Participate in the process of nominating elders as described in the constitution.
2. Offer written input on affirmations for pastors and elders.
3. Offer input and affirmations for all other matters brought before the church.

Providing that additional qualifications are met, members may:

4. Serve as an elder, department head, ministry chairman, and youth group sponsor.
5. Serve as a teacher of adults, youth, and children.
6. Serve as a member on any committee, ministry team, and department.
7. Serve on the worship team or participate in other areas of service: greeters, nursery workers, soundboard, etc.

RESPONSIBILITIES

By joining Trinity Evangelical Church, a member clearly affirms each of the following about himself/herself:

1. I am a Christian. I understand that salvation is by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ and have therefore placed my trust in Him. I recognize His Lordship both universally and personally.
2. I have been baptized by water and have made a public confession of my faith.
3. I am at least 18 years old.
4. I understand that joining this church simply formalizes my commitment to the people of this body. I also understand that membership in the local church does not constitute the basis for my salvation, nor guarantees eternal life.
5. I agree with Church of the Lamb's Statement of Faith.
6. I will support the policies and process of church government described in the by-laws.
7. I will faithfully and generously support the church financially, in proportion to my income.
8. I will support the church with my conversations, refraining from gossip, slander, or malicious talk that would damage fellow members and/or the ministry of the church.
9. I will faithfully attend Sunday services on a regular basis.
10. I will contribute my time, talents, and spiritual gifts to the ministry of this church.
11. I will support the pastor and the elders as leaders of this church body.
12. I agree to receive instruction and counsel — and if necessary, discipline — should my words or actions become sinful, compromising my personal testimony or the testimony of this church.
13. I will not seek nor maintain membership in any lodge or secret society that demands (a) an oath of total allegiance and secrecy or (b) participation in rituals of a religious nature which are not distinctively and exclusively Christian.
14. In the event I decide to dissolve my relationship with this church, I will make such an intention clear to the pastor or an elder, along with a written explanation that can be made available to other members. I understand that a request to terminate my membership will not be granted if I am involved in an unresolved church discipline process.