

Greetings in Christ,

Thank you for your interest in joining Islands Community Church (ICC). We are honored you would consider being a part of our local fellowship. Attached you will find a brief membership application and a copy of our Constitution & Bylaws. Please read thoroughly the Constitution & Bylaws and complete the application at your earliest convenience. You will be connected with either the pastor or one of the elders as a sponsor to help through the membership process. Should you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to ask.

At ICC, membership says many things:

1. Membership says, "I belong here," and God says that believers belong together (Heb. 10:23-25). You have sensed that God wants you here, with the people of ICC at this time in your Christian life, and you want to make a public declaration that you are committed to God's work through this church.
2. Membership says, "We share the same ministry goals," and God says to be committed to one another for the sake of spiritual impact (Eph. 4:16). You believe that Jesus has work to do in our community and around the world, and you're willing to join with others to see that it gets done.
3. Membership says, "I accept responsibility for a group of fellow believers in the family of God," and that's God's plan as well (Gal. 6:1-2, 10). You want to be part of a caring network of people, sharing one another's joys and sorrows, and helping one another grow through worship, Bible study, and fellowship.
4. Membership says, "I am accountable to mature brothers and sisters in Christ for my walk with God," and God warns against spiritual autonomy (Heb.13:17; Matt.18:15-20). You don't want to go it alone in standing for Jesus Christ and want to receive the guidance, equipping, and assistance necessary to remain on target.
5. Membership says, "I accept responsibility for how things are done here," and God says that's how it should be (1 Cor. 12:20-27). Members affirm officers, approve an annual ministry budget, as well as voting on other church matters. You have an opportunity to shape this church's direction and ministry goals.
6. Membership keeps us legal (1 Tim. 3:2; 1 Peter 2:13-17). The state of WA recognizes churches if they have credible membership and organization. You can demonstrate obedience to these laws and affirm that you are a responsible citizen with a desire to serve.

We look forward to your joining us.

God Bless,
Pastor Jim
Senior Pastor