

GRACE UNITED CHURCH, Caledonia

Policy and Procedure Manual

Policy Title	NEW MEMBERSHIP	Policy Number	PPM-B1.1
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POLICY STATEMENT:

For adult persons wishing to join Grace United Church, Caledonia by:

1. Transfer of membership; or
2. Confirmation or profession of faith.

PROCEDURE:

1. Person will contact the Minister regarding their interest in joining or transferring to Grace United Church.
2. Participation in welcoming sessions will explore their needs in their faith journey and the meaning of membership in the faith community of Grace United Church, Caledonia. The preparation session will include education in the polity of the United Church of Canada and the governing structure of Grace United Church.
3. When possible, the sessions will be co-led by the Minister and committee chairs.
4. For those transferring, a request will be made to their former church for a record of transfer.
5. Membership will be recommended by the Membership & Pastoral Care Committee and approved by Church Council.
6. The service date will be coordinated by the Membership & Pastoral Care Committee and the Worship and Music Committee in consultation with the Minister.

POLICY/PROCEDURE REVIEW:

Time Frame: Every 3 years

Committee Responsible: Membership & Pastoral Care
All policy revisions require Council approval.

CROSS REFERENCES:

PPM-B2.1 *Baptism (includes Dedication)*

PPM-B3.1 *Confirmation*

United Church of Canada, *The Manual*, B3.6