

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## Thank you for your interest in Membership at The Compass Church!

We are always excited to learn of new people who are interested in partnering with us in the specific vision of our church, to bring life transformation to the western suburbs and the world. Membership is important to us at The Compass Church, as we unite in focus - committed to the same Biblical values and strategic goals to achieve the mission for which God intended for this specific church. We believe strongly that we are called by God to live together beyond ourselves for the eternal benefit.

Besides being a declaration of one's commitment to the church body at The Compass Church, Membership enables you to be a voting participant in decisions at congregational meetings and allows for you to be eligible for nomination to various voted positions in church leadership.

### The essentials for Membership at The Compass Church:

- You must be a follower of Jesus Christ, declaring your devotion to Him.
- You must agree with the general statement of faith of the Evangelical Free Church of America, which is included in this membership packet in the EFCA pamphlet.

### Our Membership process starts with:

- **Step 1 Review the contents of the Membership Packet and identify questions.**  
Read our Constitution & By-Laws included in this packet. We recognize that sometimes people have questions prior to completing the application. Contact: [membership@thecompass.net](mailto:membership@thecompass.net).
- **Step 2 Complete and return your Membership Application to the office.**  
Mail or drop off your applications to either the Bolingbrook, Naperville, South Naperville or Wheaton Campus Offices. We will email you before the class as a reminder.
- **Step 3 Attend a Membership Class/Interview.**

Look for the upcoming dates in the eNews or at [thecompass.net](http://thecompass.net) by clicking Next Steps, Membership from the Home Page. Membership Classes are held typically on Sundays at various times and locations. We offer classes at: Bolingbrook, Naperville, South Naperville, Wheaton and Online. The first half of the class is an overview of The Compass Church's history, Membership covenant and doctrinal statement. After a time for questions, couples or individuals are teamed up with our Membership Coaches to review the Membership Application and answer any final questions. The Membership prospects are shared with the congregation in our communication publication. The applications are presented at the next Elder's meeting. When this process is complete, you will receive a Membership Certificate in the mail.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member at The Compass Church. We are excited to share with you more about our church's mission, vision and values. We are equally excited to partner with you to change the world together by Helping People Find & Follow God.

## FAQS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

The following information is intended to answer questions you may have considering church membership at The Compass Church. If you have further questions regarding membership, please contact [membership@thecompass.net](mailto:membership@thecompass.net).

### **WHO QUALIFIES FOR MEMBERSHIP?**

Membership in The Compass Church is open to anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, who is in agreement with the doctrinal statement of the Evangelical Free Church of America, and whose character and conduct are consistent with this profession. Children whose parents are members do not automatically become members, but must complete a separate application. Only those members 16 years of age or older have the right to vote at congregational meetings.

### **WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP?**

Members strive and commit to demonstrate:

- Lordship in their lives (Galatians 2:20)
- A commitment to prayer (Ephesians 6:18)
- Consistent attendance (Hebrews 10:25)
- A commitment to unity (Ephesians 4:29)
- Acting in love toward one another (1 Peter 1:22)
- Submitting to leadership (Hebrews 13:17)
- Accepting and warmly welcoming others (Romans 15:7)
- Displaying a servant's heart and mindset (Philippians 2:3-4, 7)
- Embrace and act out our Compass Priorities

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NAME (First, Middle, Last)	
CHURCH CAMPUS LOCATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> BOLINGBROOK <input type="checkbox"/> NAPERVILLE <input type="checkbox"/> SOUTH NAPERVILLE <input type="checkbox"/> WHEATON <input type="checkbox"/> COMPASS ONLINE	
BIRTHDAY (                      ) MM/DD/YYYY	DID THE COMPASS CHURCH OR SOMEONE A PART OF THE COMPASS CHURCH HAVE A ROLE IN YOUR DECISION TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
EMAIL	
SPIRITUAL GIFTING (IF KNOWN)	
ADDITIONAL NOTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATION <input type="checkbox"/> HOSPITALITY <input type="checkbox"/> APOSTLESHIP <input type="checkbox"/> KNOWLEDGE <input type="checkbox"/> CREATIVE COMMUNICATION <input type="checkbox"/> LEADERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> DISCERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> MERCY <input type="checkbox"/> ENCOURAGEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> PROPHECY <input type="checkbox"/> EVANGELISM <input type="checkbox"/> SHEPHERD <input type="checkbox"/> FAITH <input type="checkbox"/> HELPS <input type="checkbox"/> TEACHING/PREACHING	
SERVING EXPERIENCE (PREVIOUS)	
SERVING EXPERIENCE (CURRENT)	
LIST CURRENT SMALL GROUP INVOLVEMENT	
HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED? IF SO, WHEN?	
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
DATE ACCEPTED FOR MEMBERSHIP	
DATE RELEASED FROM MEMBERSHIP	
REASON FOR RELEASE	

## PERSONAL COMMITMENT

The Compass Church accepts into membership those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior. Can you confirm that you have acknowledged your sinfulness before God, have accepted the fact Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for your sin, and have trusted in Him alone for eternal life?

Yes  No

If yes, when approximately did you make the commitment?

**BRIEFLY SHARE WHEN AND HOW YOU BECAME A FOLLOWER OF JESUS:**

X

**Signature/Typed Name here acts as my electronic signature**

**Date**

## SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWER

X

**Signature**

**Date**