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MEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTION FORM

Local church membership is one of life's most important decisions. Church membership provides God's people the nurturing care of a congregation, as well as a context for every member to minister to the body according to the will and pleasure of God. Redeemer's Grace Church has three steps to pursuing membership:

- \cdot Step 1 Introduce
- \cdot Step 2 Acquaint
- \cdot Step 3 Covenant

HOW MEMBERSHIP HAPPENS AT REDEEMER'S GRACE CHURCH

Completing and submitting this form is the **first step** in pursuing membership in Redeemer's Grace Church. Thank you for taking time to introduce yourself!

Step two includes participation in *Foundations of Grace*, our membership class, and having a Share & Care talk with two of our elders/pastors. The class provides you with the information necessary to pray about covenant membership in **RGC**. The talk with our elders will afford you the opportunity to ask any further questions, and it lets our leaders know how to care for your soul. Often more than one Share & Care talk is necessary.

Upon satisfactory completion of the first two steps, the elders will recommend individuals to the congregation as candidates for covenant membership, which is the **third and final step** of pursuing membership.

We look forward to worshipping the Lord as we read your introduction. Thank you for taking time to introduce yourself to us! We further look forward to being able to point each other toward Christ as we walk in fellowship with him and each other.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20–21)

For the glory of Christ and the good of His bride,

The Elders of Redeemer's Grace Church

I. PERSONAL SPIRITUAL HISTORY

Please tell us about your conversion to Christ. (Use back if necessary)

Describe your relationship with the Lord Jesus in the last six months.

Have you been baptized after your conversion? If so, by what mode? (Sprinkling, pouring, christening, immersion, etc...).

At what church were you baptized?

II. DOCTRINAL QUESTIONNAIRE

The **ABOUT** tab on our website, **RGCICT.COM**, contains critical foundational information about Redeemer's Grace Church. Take time to read **OUR VISION**, **OUR CORE VALUES**, and the doctrinal statement, **OUR BELIEFS**. We will be glad to print these documents for you if you find it easier to read and process from a paper copy.

Our **Core Values** focus and direct our work, providing a guide for decision making. What are your questions and/or disagreements?

Having read **Our Beliefs**, do you believe and embrace these Articles of Faith? What are your questions and/or disagreements?

The **Redeemer's Grace Church Covenant** is found under the **Resources** tab on the website. Having read it, do you personally embrace these covenant commitments? Please explain or discuss the portion(s) about which you have questions or disagreement.

III. PRACTICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Would you share why you sense the Lord is leading you toward membership in Redeemer's Grace Church?

How long have you been attending RGC? Given the opportunity, what would you change about Redeemer's Grace Church? (We are grateful for the insight and help we receive in response to this question.)

Have you attended a *Foundations of Grace New Members Class* (a prerequisite to membership)? What questions did you have about RGC that were not answered in the class? If you haven't attended yet, what questions do you have that you want addressed?

The elders and pastors of Redeemer's Grace Church prioritize care for the spiritual welfare and growth of every member of the body. We are involved with our people. We faithfully administer the affairs of the church decently and in order, with integrity, to honor Christ, but we are burdened for the care of souls. Therefore pastoral care is not shaped like a business model, but based on a shepherd model of tending, protecting, nurturing, and guiding a flock. The pastoral letters of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus, provide a general framework for pastoral care. What questions do you have concerning elders and *soul care*?

Redeemer's Grace Church is an Gospel-centered, elder-led church. This New Testament leadership model is covered in the *Foundations of Grace* New Members class. *Church Elders: How to Shepherd God's People Like Jesus*, by Jeramie Rinne (9 Marks) is an excellent resource for understanding elder leadership. The book can be picked up at the Welcome Desk. Do you understand and agree with elder leadership?

IV. Personal Church History

EXAMPLE:	CHURCH/CITY 1st Pres, Seattle, WA	MEMBER/ATTENDEE Regular attender	START/END DATES 2016–2019	REASON LEFT job transfer
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
Please supply your previous pastor's name and a number where we may reach him:				

Please list the last several churches where you have been a member, or have attended regularly.

Pastor's Name: ______ Pastor's Phone # (or church #): _____

V. CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Are you currently, or have you ever been, under any level of church discipline at any church? If so, please explain the situation. Has this issue been fully resolved?

VI. HELP US SEEK GODLY COUNSEL

Could you list three other Christians—other than current members of Redeemer's Grace Church— who would affirm your faith in Christ and recommend you for membership in Redeemer's Grace Church?

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1.				
2.				
3.				

VII. PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION AND PREFERENCES

Our elders will use the contact information provided below to arrange your Share & Care meeting.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Zip:

What days and times are generally the best to contact you?

VIII. SHARE & CARE OPTIONS

Share & Care talks usually take place in your home. Please indicate below all the available evenings for a visit in the next three to four weeks.

City:

Example: For the next four weeks, we're available the following dates: Tuesdays: September 6, 13, & 20 Sundays: Any Sunday evening in September

VIII. MISSIONARY LIVING

Our prayer is that every member of Redeemer's Grace Church understands that he or she is a full-time missionary. In that light, we would like to join you in praying for at least three lost people the Lord has put in your life as you seek to reach them for Christ.

Person's Name	How do you know him/her?	

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1.

3.

TURNING IN YOUR MEMBER INTRODUCTION FORM

You can submit your completed form in several ways:

• Place your completed form in Sunday's offering basket in a sealed envelope labeled *Member Intro Form*.

 \cdot Mail your completed form to us at:

Redeemer's Grace Church Member Intro Form P.O. Box 8765 Wichita, KS 67208

· You may email your completed form to Pastor David at: <u>david@redeemersgracewichita.com</u>