

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

Membership Application

As you take final steps toward making a decision about membership, we want to provide you with effective pastoral care. If you have decided to pursue membership, we ask for the following information so that we can address any remaining questions. Please answer every question, as this will help us care for you better.

Once you finish this application and return it to the church office, someone will contact you and schedule a time for a pastoral interview. **Please note:** For married couples, each spouse should complete his or her own questionnaire, but the pastors can interview you together as a couple.

Personal Information:

Your full, legal name:

The name you prefer that people use:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Home phone:

Work phone:

Cell phone:

Date of birth:

Age:

If not presently a U.S. citizen, do you now have legal residence status in the U.S.?

Marital status: (Married or Single, Widow or Widower)

If Widow or Widower, when did your spouse die?

If you are presently separated from your spouse, when did that happen?

If you've ever been divorced, how long ago was that?

If you have remarried since a divorce, how long ago was that?

If Married:

Wedding anniversary date:

Spouse's name:

Spouse's date of birth:

Spouse's age:

If You Have Children:

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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If you have been divorced or are separated, do any children live with you now?

Life Challenges

Do you have any special medical needs or disabilities that you would like to identify so we could serve you better?

If so, would you like to talk to a pastor about this?

Do you have any past or present addictions that we can help with??

If so, would you like help from a pastor?

Are you currently under the care of a professional counselor, psychologist or psychiatrist?

If so, would you like to talk with a pastor about this?

Do you have a criminal record?

If so, please explain. (use a separate sheet of paper, if needed)

Are you presently experiencing severe financial difficulty or hardship?

If so, would you like to talk about this during your membership interview?

Your Relationship with God

(use a separate sheet of paper, if needed)

Have you participated in Alpha or any other class about the basics of Christianity?

If so, when?

When did you come to faith in Jesus Christ?

Describe how you became a follower of Christ.

In your own words, what is the Gospel?

What is your understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life?

Baptism

Were you baptized as an infant?

Have you been baptized in water as a believer?

If so, when and where were you baptized?

If you have not yet been baptized, would you like to be?

Previous Church Information

Were you a member of or regularly attending another church prior to coming to our church?

If not, what were the circumstances surrounding your decision to not attend church?

What was the name of that church (city, state)?

Your former pastor's name:

Church phone:

If coming to our church from another church, why did you leave?

May we contact your former pastor?

Your Relationship with Sovereign Grace Church

How did you find out about our church?

Who in the church have you developed the closest relationships with so far?

What do you believe membership in our local church will involve?

What is the priority of the local church in your life?

Do you believe that God has clearly called you to become a committed member of this particular local church? (Yes, No, Not Sure) Please explain.

Do you have any questions or reservations about the doctrine, teachings or structures of Sovereign Grace Church as they are explained in the *Our Life Together* booklet or in the teachings of the membership course?

Are there any practices or teachings that you've observed in the church that concern you? If so, what are they?

Serving at Sovereign Grace Church

What gifts or abilities do you have that you'd like to see used by the Lord in the church?

What ministry teams do you presently have an interest in?

Please describe what you do/did for your job and any special skills, certifications, degrees or training that you have received that might apply to ministry in our church. (i.e., carpentry or mechanical skills, you are self-employed, you speak another language, have provided financial counsel to others, have formal medical training, etc.)

"To the best of my knowledge, I have understood and answered these questions truthfully."

Applicant's Signature

Today's Date
