



CONVERGE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Knowing Jesus
Making Him known, to every nation

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Membership Information

WHAT IS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

- Church membership is a formal relationship between an individual and a local church.
- Studies through early church history imply the importance of church membership.
- Membership ultimately is a personal choice.

WHY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

- Deepend sense of community
- Personal spiritual growth
- Growing spiritual discipline
- Be available for church leadership
- Actively part of your church governance

HOW DOES ONE BECOME A CHURCH MEMBER?

- You inform the pastor or one of the elders that you want to become a member.
- We will then arrange to meet with you to speak about your walk with the Lord (your testimony) and answer any questions you may have about our church and how the church operates.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

- You need to be a follower of Jesus.
- You have been baptised. While not practising infant baptism, we accept people who have been baptised as children so long as they can publicly declare their faith.
- We allow you to be a member of your home church while being a member at Converge.

WHY DOES MEMBERSHIP MATTER FOR CONVERGE?

Outside of the reasons given above. You being a member, helps us run the church from a legal perspective. We need to have meetings and make decisions, which need to happen so that legal requirements are fulfilled.

IS MEMBERSHIP ABOUT GIVING MONEY TO CONVERGE?

Everyone who attends Converge is encouraged to give to the church faithfully. Members are not required to give more.

Converge is a Free Church, meaning we get no government money. It also means that members of Converge can deregister as belonging to a church (State) and no longer pay the church tax. Contact the church for more information.

In Germany, giving to the church is tax deductible. The church can provide you with a statement at the end of the tax year.