

PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

WHAT IS MEMBERSHIP?

We're so thankful that God has brought you to a place in your walk with Him where you desire to be connected to a local body of believers. We believe Pathway Community Church is a place where you can belong and use the gifts God has given you to build His kingdom. God's Word (the Bible) speaks about commitment to the local church in several places (*Hebrews 10:25; Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31*). In an age of individualism and weak commitments, formal membership provides a helpful means of moving Christians away from these two cultural ills. Thus, membership at Pathway accomplishes several things: 1) It clarifies and makes public a person's commitment to grow spiritually and serve within the spiritual family of Pathway; 2) It enables individuals to vote when the church decision-making process requires church-wide authority (on matters such as affirming elders and deacons as well as determining the annual budget); 3) It enables eligibility to serve in particular leadership roles within the church.

THE PATHWAY MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, having been baptized as a believer, and being in agreement with Pathway's mission, vision, values and beliefs, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Pathway Church Family. In doing so, I commit myself to fulfilling God's purposes through this church. I covenant to attend faithfully, and to give financially as the Lord prospers me. I submit to the leadership of the church and will seek to protect the unity of the church. As a member of Pathway Community Church I recognize I am also a member of the Brethren in Christ denomination and submit to their overall covering and leadership. As members we agree to **Connect** with God and others, **Go Deep** in our relationship with God through Christ, and let the love of God **Flow** through us as He impacts the world for His glory!

THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

1. Attend a Welcome Rally.
2. Complete the Pathway to Membership Form and submit it to the church office.
3. Final preparations for Membership Sunday (*This may include a meeting with an elder or pastor*).

YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

In a paragraph or two, please share your spiritual journey. (*You may use the back of this page if necessary.*)

Have you been baptized as a believer?