

Membership Application

Lakeview Assembly of God

- According to our bylaws, you must meet the following requirements for membership:
 - A. Give evidence of their faith in Jesus Christ (John 3:16; John 3:3-8; John 1:12; 1 Peter 1:18-25).
 - B. Having been baptized in water by immersion.
 - C. Evidence of a consistent Christian life (Romans 6:4; 8:1-4; 13:13, 14; Ephesians 4:17-32; 5:1, 2, 15; 1 John 1:6,7).
 - D. Willingly and voluntarily commit to regular attendance and faithful support of the assembly with their tithes.
 - E. Acceptance of the Tenets of Faith as set forth in Article IV of this constitution.
 - F. Having reached at least 18 years of age.
 - G. Having regularly attended services of, and supported, this assembly for a period of at least three consecutive months prior to the date of application for membership.
 - H. Agreement to being governed by the bylaws of this assembly, and of the Oregon Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, as both may be amended from time to time.
- Attached is the full section of membership requirements from our bylaws. Please review this to determine if you agree to be governed by these requirements.

I, _____, do hereby declare that I meet all of the requirements for membership as presented in the Constitution and Bylaws of Lakeview Assembly of God in Lakeview, OR. I agree to be bound by these terms of membership and commit to faithful service of this local assembly until such membership shall be dissolved due to voluntary withdrawal or any reason indicated by the membership terms.

_____ Signature _____ Date

_____ Printed Name

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership Eligibility

Active voting membership in this assembly shall be open to all those who possess the following qualifications:

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Section 2. Procedure for Membership Recognition

Those individuals eligible for membership who shall desire to become members of this church shall make written application to the pastor or church board. The church board shall have the right and authority to determine the eligibility and acceptability of all applicants for membership by majority vote. Those approved for membership by the church board shall be received into the church publicly at any of its regular services, and their names thereupon added to the church membership roll. No applicant for membership shall be accepted as a member within 30 days before any business meeting.

Section 3. Voting Members and Pastor and Spouse

All persons who have met the membership qualifications and whose names currently appear on the membership roll of the assembly, and who are 18 years of age and older will constitute the voting constituents of the assembly. By virtue of office, the pastor and spouse shall be considered active voting members of the church during the pastor's tenure.

Section 4. Review of Membership

A review of the roster shall be made by the board during the 60 days prior to the annual business meeting. The pastor and board shall be authorized to bring the roster current by removing the names of those deceased, resigned, or removed for cause as provided in the bylaws of this assembly. Consideration of the roster shall be the first order of business in the annual business meeting.

Section 5. Inactive Membership

Active voting members who shall without good cause absent themselves from the services of the assembly for a period of 3 consecutive months or more, or who cease to contribute regularly to its support as determined by the church board for a period of 3 consecutive months, or who shall be under charges of violating Christian conduct, ethical or doctrinal standards as set forth in the Word of God and this assembly's constitution and bylaws, shall be considered as inactive members and shall lose their voting privileges until they are restored to the fellowship, their standing to be settled by the process as outlined in the bylaws of this assembly.

Section 6. Honorary Members

Honorary membership may be extended to those members who have entered the ministry, the armed forces or distinguished themselves in such a manner as recognition would be appropriate, and who continue to consider this assembly as their native or home church.

Section 7. Transfer Members

A member in good standing of another Assemblies of God church, who satisfies the standards for membership eligibility specified in Section 1 of this Article II (other than the attendance and support requirements), may apply for membership by submitting a letter of transfer from the pastor of the other assembly, upon the approval of a majority of the church board. Members in good standing who may wish to transfer to another assembly may request and be granted a letter of transfer upon the approval of the pastor and board.

Section 8. Discipline

A. Grounds

Discipline is an exercise of scriptural authority for which the church is responsible (Matthew 16:19; 18:15-20; Luke 17:3; John 20:23; Acts 16:4; Ephesians 5:11; 1 Timothy 5:20; 2 Timothy 4:2; Hebrews 13:17). The purpose of discipline is to promote repentance and restoration through exposing sinful behavior. It is to be redemptive in nature as well as corrective. Any member of the assembly is subject to discipline on the basis of unscriptural conduct or doctrinal departure from the Tenets of Faith of this assembly, or who have become inactive as stated in Article II, Section 5, above, as determined in the sole discretion of the church board. The discipline of ministers who hold credentials with the Assemblies of God is administered by the District Council and General Council of the Assemblies of God.

B. Procedure

The assembly will follow the disciplinary procedure set forth in Matthew 18:15-20. This procedure consists generally of the following steps:

1. The pastor or a designated member of the church board discusses the charges with the member in an effort to resolve the matter privately.
2. If the first step does not resolve the matter, then the member may be temporarily suspended. Notification of such suspension shall be made by mail. The board shall process its investigation and render a decision to the person suspended within 90 days from the suspension notice. The person charged may request an opportunity during the investigation to present his case to the board. Such request to be permitted by a majority vote of the board.

Should a name be removed for just cause, the person shall then be notified by registered mail of the board's action. If an appeal for reconsideration or reinstatement is desired, any member dismissed may appeal to the board for a fair and impartial hearing of his case before the assembly within 30 days of having received the notice of dismissal.

Such appeal must be in writing to the pastor and board and shall include a commitment to accept the decision of the assembly without further recourse of litigation. Within 90 days of the written request, the pastor and board shall arrange for a hearing before the membership of the assembly and notify the individual in writing of these arrangements.

Such meeting shall be duly announced and limited to the specific matters of the appeal. The action of the assembly, by majority vote, shall be considered final.