

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

for Membership and Associate Membership



Grosvenor Road Baptist Church

We are delighted that you are considering applying to partner with your brothers and sisters at Grosvenor Road Baptist Church in fulfilling our aim to glorify God as we seek:

- (1) To Reach Out with the Good News of Jesus Christ
- (2) To Build Up one another in the faith as we learn the Scriptures and serve one another
- (3) To Send Out people to serve the wider church.

➤ Please read the following documents. If you have any questions, please speak with me or another elder.

- **The Membership Leaflet**
- **The Expectations of Members**
- **The Basis of Faith**
- **The NEW statement of Faith**

➤ - Please fill in the application form.

## The process:

1. Please complete and return this form to me, the church office or another elder.
2. We will be in touch to organise a friendly interview with one or two elders to discuss the possibility of membership.
3. If the interview is successful, the elders will announce to the church that you have applied for membership and allow a few weeks for anyone to comment.
4. Assuming no concerns, you will be accepted as a member. We may formally welcome you into membership during a church service or at a members' meeting.

Yours in Christ,

Ed Neill

Lead Pastor, on behalf of the elders

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### For Office Use:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Received by Elder(s)                    | Date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Interviewed by Elder(s)                 | Date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notice given to church membership (GWN) | Date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Welcomed into membership                | Date _____ |

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Grosvenor Road Baptist Church

### PERSONAL DETAILS

First Name

Surname

Mobile

Email

Address

### PERSONAL FAITH & BACKGROUND

Briefly explain how and when you came to know the Lord Jesus personally.

Briefly explain a little about what it means to be a Christian.

Are you in good standing with other Christians and all previous churches you attended?

Is there any other background information we need to be aware of?

### BAPTISM & PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP

Are you currently (or have recently been) a member of another Church? YES / NO  
If YES: please give name and address of Church and name of Church Secretary or Pastor

Have you been baptised as a believer by immersion? YES / NO

**If YES:** When and where were you baptised as a believer by immersion?

**If NO:** Are you asking for baptism now? YES / NO

Membership: To be a full Member you must have been baptised as believer by immersion.

#### Associate Membership:

You are welcome to apply to be an Associate Member, if you fit the following:

- 1) You must be unreservedly supportive of believer's baptism as the practice of the church.
- 2) The reason you are not baptised as a believer is because on grounds of biblical conviction and conscience you recognise the baptism you received in some other believing tradition.

Associate membership is also available for those who are members of a church elsewhere but wish to commit themselves to Grosvenor during a temporary period of residence in Dublin (e.g. students)

If you applying for Associate Membership, because on grounds of biblical conviction and conscience you have not been baptised as a believer:

- Are you unreservedly supportive of believer's baptism as the practice of the church?  
YES / NO

- Have you received baptism from some other tradition? YES / NO  
Please give details:

**Associate Membership:** Associate members are encouraged to take an active part in the life of the church, attend church meetings and vote on matters other than constitutional issues or church appointments.

## INVOLVEMENT & SERVICE

God wants to use you in Grosvenor Baptist Church. Where possible please complete the following questions.

1. If you have been recently involved in another church, what did you do in Christian service there? How have you served the Lord up to now in your Christian life?

2 What do you find particularly helpful about the Church and ministry at Grosvenor?

3. Is there anything you miss in the Church here?

### Current involvement in Grosvenor:

- If you have already joined a bible study group (e.g. home group, Growth Groups, Women's Bible Study, Men's Breakfast etc.) please state which one(s):

- If you are already serving in the church please give details:

### Getting involved:

- Would you like to join a bible study group  
(e.g. home group, Growth Groups, Women's Bible Study, Men's Breakfast etc.) YES / NO

- Would be willing to serve in the following areas (please tick):

(During the meeting with the elders we can discuss these possibilities in more detail, training is provided in some of these areas).

- Discipling (e.g. helping new Christians, reading bible 1-2-1, marriage prep)
- Evangelism (e.g. helping lead Christianity Explored, running events, local outreach)
- Children's Ministry (e.g. crèche, toddlers, Sunday school, kids clubs)
- Youth Ministry
- Student & Young Adult ministry
- Pastoral Care and Counselling (e.g. visiting sick / elderly)
- Hospitality (e.g. venue for home group, hospitality for students)
- Catering (e.g. helping a team provide meals for various events)
- Administration (e.g. word processing, publicity, finance)
- IT (e.g. website, hardware)
- Audio Visual (e.g. projection, sound, recording)
- Music (e.g. band, organ, choir)
- Practical (e.g. DIY, Gardening, cleaning)
- Sunday duties (e.g. chair set up, flower arranging, ...)
- Teaching & leadership (e.g. small group, homegroup, topical, preaching)
- Other – please state:

Do you have any other interests or gifts that may be of service to the church? e.g. hobbies, passions

## DECLARATION

**I am in full agreement with**

- **the Basis of Faith**
- **the NEW Statement of Beliefs**
- **the Expectations of Members, and resolve, so far as I am able, to be fulfil these.**

**and I am applying for** (please tick):      **Membership**       **Associate Membership**

Signed

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS to a Pastor or one of the other Elders.

As soon as can be arranged, you will have the opportunity to meet with one of our Elders.

## EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS

To further the aims of Grosvenor, namely to glorify God as we seek to

- **Reach Out** - to teach and explain the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ and His claims to all who have not yet turned and trusted in Him.
- **Build Up** - to help one another to grow as followers and friends of the Lord Jesus Christ as we increasingly understand and obey God's Word, the Bible.
- **Send Out** - to serve the wider church and the world by sending people out to serve the Lord Jesus elsewhere.  
... members are expected, with the enabling of the Holy Spirit
  - a) To live a life consistent with the gospel and worthy of our high calling in the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - b) To spend some time each day in prayer and reading the Scriptures in order to maintain a close personal relationship with God.
  - c) Unless unavoidably prevented, to share in Grosvenor's corporate worship on Sundays and to be regular and faithful in the observance of the Lord's Supper. (Members who stop attending, may be removed after 6 months.)
  - d) To fulfil the ministry of intercession both privately and by being present, whenever possible, at the meetings for corporate prayer.
  - e) To be committed and loving in relationship with all the members of Grosvenor.
  - f) To serve the Lord Jesus Christ in Grosvenor according to the needs of the church and my gifts.
  - g) To accept personal responsibility for the government of Grosvenor as a local church by being present, whenever possible, at the church meetings.
  - h) To give regularly to Grosvenor in order to support the work of the Lord in & through the church (for example, by standing order through the bank).
  - i) To witness to the Lord Jesus Christ by word and deed as part of the worldwide church's evangelisation of the world, and to try to bring others to Grosvenor in order to hear the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - j) To support world-wide evangelistic mission through Grosvenor in accordance with Grosvenor's World Mission Policy.

## BASIS OF FAITH

1. The plenary inspiration, sole and all sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures.
2. The Trinity in unity of the Godhead.
3. The essential Deity and perfect humanity of our Saviour.
4. The personality of the Holy Spirit.
5. The depraved and fallen state of man through sin.
6. The justification of the sinner through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
7. The atonement through the substitutionary death, sacrifice and blood shedding of the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. The personality of the Devil.
9. The resurrection of the body.
10. The immortality of the soul.
11. The everlasting security of the believer.
12. The everlasting punishment of those who die impenitent, according to the words of Scripture: "He that believes on the Son has everlasting life and he that believes not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
13. The perpetuity of the ordinance of baptism - that is, believers immersion in water on the confession by each individual of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
14. The perpetuity of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper on the first day of week, thereby showing forth, in the simple emblems of the broken bread and poured out wine, the Lord's death "till he come".
15. The priesthood of all believers.
16. The obligation resting upon all saved souls to "live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world."

## STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

New **Statement of Beliefs** adopted in 2004 to replace the Basis of Faith above – but awaiting formal ratification once the new trust deed has been approved by the Charity Commissioners

We believe:

1. In one triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as revealed in Scripture, and in His sovereignty and grace in creation, providence, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
2. In the divine inspiration and consequent inerrancy of Scripture as originally given, and in its final authority in, and all-sufficiency for, all matters of faith and conduct.
3. In the universal sinfulness and guilt of the human race in consequence of the Fall, and in our liability to God's wrath and judgement.
4. In the real and personal existence of the devil.
5. In Jesus Christ, the divine and eternally pre-existent Son of God, who took upon Himself true humanness, was born of a virgin, and is the sole mediator between human beings and God.
6. In Jesus Christ's perfect life and sacrificial death as our representative and substitute, whose life and death are the sole and all-sufficient ground of redemption from the guilt and power of sin, and from its eternal consequences.
7. In the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, in His ascension into heaven, His present reign, and His personal, visible and imminent return in power and glory
8. In the justification of the sinner solely by the grace of God through faith alone, resulting in the eternal security of the believer and in works that please God.
9. In the person of God the Holy Spirit and in His illuminating, convicting, regenerating, indwelling, sanctifying and empowering work in every believer.
10. In the priesthood of all believers, their calling to serve God with the gifts He has given them, their equal standing before God and their equal access to the Father through the Son by the Spirit.
11. In one universal Church, comprising all believers from all nations of all time, as the body of which Christ is the Head, expressed locally in terms of churches committed to the Word of God and prayer, mutual service and care, and mission.
12. In baptism of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ in obedience to His command, and in the Lord's Supper as a symbolic remembrance of His death.
13. In the resurrection of the body and the future, final judgement, subsequent to which those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ will suffer eternal punishment, while believers will enjoy and serve God and His Christ perfectly in the new creation for all eternity.