

Featherston Assembly of God Membership

Affiliated to the Assemblies of God NZ Incorporated

Standards and values for members

Membership is open to any person 18 years of age and over, who:

1. Gives evidence of a genuine experience of salvation.
2. Displays evidence of a consistent Christian life as reflected in Christ-like character, attitudes and conduct.
3. Have been baptised in water
4. Agrees with the 'Statement of Faith' of the Church
5. Have been baptised with the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues as evidence, or is actively seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit
6. Respects and gives support to the Senior Minister and the Church Oversight of the Church
7. Contributes regularly to the support of the Church through tithes, offerings and mission giving.
8. Shows love and respect towards God, Church members, and people in general which is evidenced through healthy speech, attitudes, and actions.
9. Is actively concerned and compassionate for the non-Christian so as to find ways to communicate the gospel to them.
10. Has fulfilled the above requirements and have supported the Church consistently for at least six months.

Membership aspiring to leadership

People who aspire to leadership roles in the Church must be Members of the Church and fulfil the 'Requirements for Leaders' as determined by the Senior Minister.

Conduct for Members

The Church Oversight can lay a charge against any member for misconduct, or for any other good and sufficient reason.

1. Misconduct

Misconduct includes, conduct bringing disrepute to the Church, departure from the Statement of Faith or unacceptable standards of Christian conduct such as: sexual immorality, unethical practised, criminal actions, mismanagement and/or misappropriate of funds, inappropriate behaviour, doctrinal error, and any other good and sufficient reasons.

2. Investigation

The Church Oversight can investigate any member who appears to fail in his obligations, standards and values as a member of the Church and take appropriate action

3. Consultation

The member shall be given opportunity to receive counsel, but if this is not accepted, disciplinary action will be taken

4. Disciplinary actions

The Church Oversight in dealing with the misconduct of a member may warn, reprimand, remove from office or position suspend membership for a given period, or take any other action as may be reasonable in the circumstances. The member disciplined shall be advised of the disciplinary action in writing.

5. Appeal

Any member who disputes suspension of their member status may appeal in writing to the Church Oversight within one month of suspension. The Church oversight will make the final decision.

6. Aim of discipline

The removal of membership shall be administered by the Church Oversight who shall be motivated by a desire to bring about repentance leading to restoration.

Lapse of membership

Membership shall lapse if:

1. A member tenders his/her resignation in writing to the Church Oversight.
2. A member fails to attend the Church services consecutively for three months – (a good reason may override this sub-clause if approved by the Church Oversight)
3. The Church Oversight removes membership for misconduct or any other good sufficient reason.

All Christians belong to the body of Christ – the Church

As church attendees, all have the opportunity to serve and receive spiritual encouragement, to be disciplined, trained and developed, and receive pastoral care.

There may come a time however when someone feels they want to belong or become more involved in a local church, and this is called 'membership'

Membership is voluntary and comes with values and standards that demonstrates a desire to unite with and contribute to the local church of their choice. Only church members have the right to vote and the opportunity to be appointed as leaders.

The Featherston Assembly of God Oversight team welcomes applications for membership.

We believe that each person has a unique place in the Body of Christ and look forward to empowering and releasing you as you develop your walk with Jesus, and supporting you as you become more involved in the life of this church.

Application for Membership

Persons seeking membership must apply by completing this Membership Application.

The Church Oversight consider all applications and approve acceptable applicants

Please see next page for form – print this document, fill it out and give it to the pastor.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I have read and accept the information in this application form and hereby apply for membership.

Applicant

Signed..... Date.....

Endorsed

Senior Minister

Signed..... Date.....

For Oversight

Signed..... Date.....