



CATEGORIES OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

A. Full Membership

1. **New Member:** A person coming to the African Methodist Episcopal Church who has professed saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, completed ninety (90) days of nurturing and discipleship training and, under the supervision of a class leader, received a recommendation for full membership.

2. **Transferred from Other Methodist Branches:** Persons bearing a Certificate of Full Membership from any of our local churches, or from churches in other Methodist branches, may be received and enrolled as full members of the local church to which they wish to have their membership transferred.

3. **Transferred from Non-Methodist Branches:** Those coming from denominations other than Methodist branches shall be taken through the procedure for admission to full membership.

B. Preparatory Membership

All youth through age 17 who are under the care of the church until they have become full members.

C. Affiliated Membership

Members of a local church residing elsewhere for an extended period, upon application, may be enrolled as “Affiliated Members” of the African Methodist Episcopal Church located in the vicinity of their current residence. Such membership shall entitle them to the privileges of that church, including pastoral oversight, participation in all active services and the right to hold office. Membership of these persons, however, shall be counted and reported only in the membership of their home church.

D. Transfer of Membership

The pastor shall give a Certificate of Membership Transfer and a letter of recommendation to any member in good standing who wishes to unite with another church within our denomination or any other evangelical denomination. Such certificate shall not be denied except for reasons that justify judicial proceedings against such member. The person thus transferred, until received, shall be amenable to and shall support the church issuing the “Certificate of Membership Transfer.”

Grant AME Church, Los Angeles

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January Focus: Membership

1. What is Church Membership:

- Membership is belonging, either individually or collectively, to the Church.

***Hebrews 10:24-25** ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

2. Why is Church Membership Important?

- Church membership is a statement of solidarity and like-mindedness.

***Philippians 2:1-2** - If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.*

3. The Body of Christ composed of all true believers in Christ, and local churches are a small-scale version of the universal Church.

***Romans 12:5** ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

4. What are the responsibilities of Church membership?

- Pray continuously for Church leadership and membership of the Church, that the Church is working in the Will of God and is being directed by GOD in every aspect of its existence.
- Understand the nature and scope of the work of the Church.
- Learn objectives and goals of the Church.
- Attend and actively participate in the activities of the Church.
- Offer unbiased recommendations and work for the good of the organization and the membership.
- Contribute your time, talents and resources towards fulfilling the goals, objectives and sustainability of the church.