

Community Membership

Eighth Day “community membership” has been developed for those members of the community who are not yet ready for the traditional [disciplines](#) [1] of the Church of the Saviour. The disciplines of a [covenant member](#) [2] can at certain times in one’s life be simply too demanding on one’s resources (of time, money or energy) or otherwise impossible to follow.

While we still believe that the disciplines we have delineated are important for drawing us deeper into our faith and into the community, we also recognize that those same disciplines can exclude many who also take their spiritual journey seriously. Such exclusion is contradictory to our understanding of our Christian faith. The way we’ve chosen to struggle with this tension between integrity of membership and exclusion is to develop the concept of community membership for those people who want to move more deeply into a spiritual life and into the community but for whom one or more of the Eighth Day disciplines are impractical at a particular time.

[Worshippers who are not formally members](#) [3] are also important within our community.

Community membership is open to anyone who worships with us and for whom the [membership commitment](#) [4] (also printed on the back of our order of worship) is an expression of their faith. The process for moving into community membership is straightforward: You choose a person (or, in some cases, a group) to whom you will be accountable for your spiritual disciplines and then in consultation with that person you choose those spiritual disciplines from among the covenant member [disciplines](#) [1] that will best deepen your spiritual journey. In other words, community members choose their level of commitment, but they also choose to be held accountable to someone else for that level of commitment. (For the specifics of the process, [click here](#) [5].)

And then, at any time, a community member who both sees the value of all the covenant disciplines and finds them possible at that time in their life can move toward intern and then covenant membership.

For a list of members, [click here](#). [6]

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